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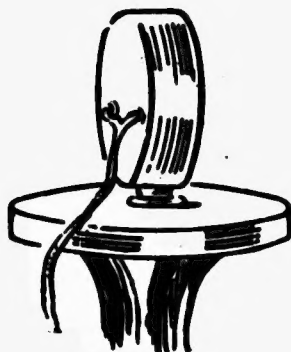
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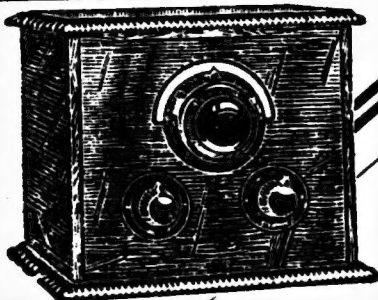


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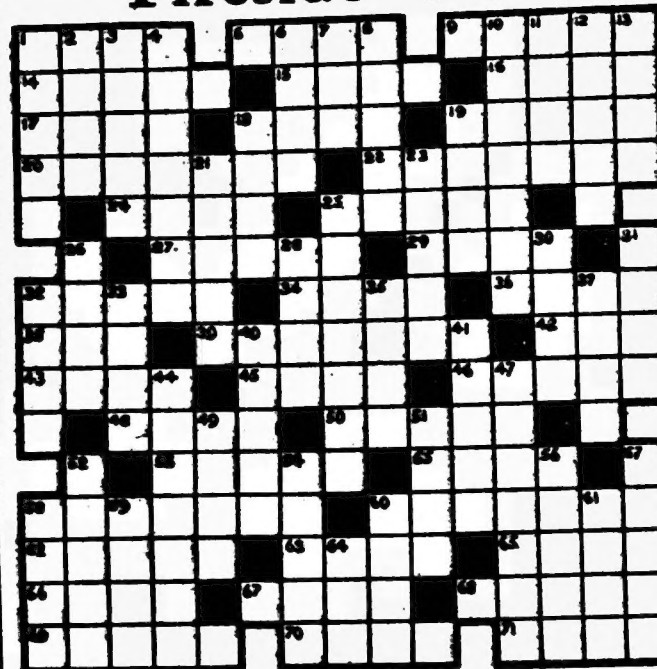
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2. One.
3. Thread to keep a wound open.
4. Distinctive.
5. Travel slowly.
6. Atmosphere.
7. Rest.
8. A high school.
9. Offered.
10. To suppose.
11. Passage of Scripture.
12. Noblemen.
13. To be carried.
14. A little hill.
15. Ornaments.
16. Janitor.
17. Highest point.
18. Narrow fleet of cloth.
19. A lot.
20. True.
21. Outbuilding.
22. Throw out.
23. To a greater degree.
24. Character.
25. Large pitchers.
26. Give up.
27. Stopper of a cannon.
28. Cavalryman.
29. Miserly.
30. Web of a feather.
31. To swell in the middle.
32. Offspring.
33. Delects.
34. Fashionable headgear.
35. Campound of oil and alkali.
36. Strap of a bride.
37. Otherwise.
38. Violations of divine law.
39. Also.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Bother.
2. Large forest tree.
3. Wooden shoe.
4. Unfit.
5. Lively time.
6. Promontory.
7. Ceremonial observance.
8. Small hole.
9. A root.
10. Stored.
11. Apparent.
12. One under ten.
13. Digging tool.
14. Main artery.
15. Prefix meaning "half."
16. A charm.
17. Highest point.
18. Of old time.
19. Border.
20. A cutaneous disease.
21. Moor hillock.
22. Way out.
23. River barrier.
24. European country.
25. Mild.
26. Disconnect.
27. Worth.
28. Aromatic plant.
29. To go beyond.
30. To sanction.
31. Natural fat.
32. Another.
33. Two.
34. Difference between nominal and real money.
35. Barbarians.
36. Intermediate.
37. Coin.
38. Paradise.
39. Sleep.

The solution of last week's Cross-Word Puzzle is on page 2.

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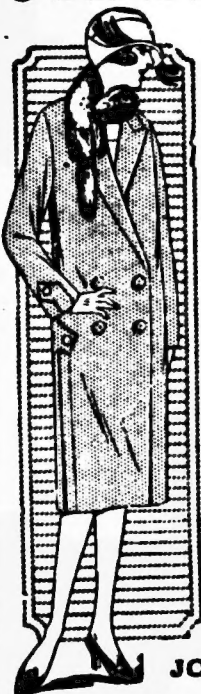
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The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

Get It On Friday!

While Christmas is still coming the JOHN BULL XMAS ANNUAL, "A Host of Good Things," is already here. As "Old Bill" would have said: "If you knows of a better sixpenn'orth go and buy it!"

Not in Public.

When Parliament reassembles the liveliest talking at Westminster will be behind closed doors. It will be in the committee rooms where the Liberal and Labour Parties will adjust their domestic broils. And some of it will be in the Cabinet room at Downing Street.

On the Alert.

Far-sighted men of both Opposition Parties are cogitating the thorny problem of some sort of joint action at the next General Election. Far away though that seems, a surprise attempt to rush the country has to be reckoned with.

Strategists.

Though legislation to cut the claws of trade unions bristles with difficulties, Ministers fancy that as a pre-election measure it has tactical merits. They reckon on it driving a splitting wedge between Liberals and Labour.

A Prospective Peer.

Colonel Wilfrid Ashley, who has greatly aided the Premier in an unobtrusive way, is almost a certainty for a peerage in the New Year Honours. Colonel Moore-Brabazon is tipped as his successor at the Ministry of Transport.

An Overdue Economy.

If the Government does the sensible thing it won't appoint a successor. Long ago the Geddes Committee strongly recommended that the Transport Ministry should be handed back to the Board of Trade.

L. G. Goes a-Wooing.

Having failed to smash Abingdon Street (the official Liberal headquarters) by starting a rival organisation, Lloyd George is now about to woo it with offers of wealth.

The Wizard's "Pool."

The wizard will now use his golden key to open the door to the Liberal leadership. Already he has put forward tentative suggestions for a pooling of resources, but Abingdon Street won't get L. G.'s money without accepting him as leader.

The Funny Side.

To prevent returned workers hearing representatives of the Miners' Federation, Staffordshire coalowners packed the men off to Blackpool for a day's outing with half-a-crown each in the pocket for spending. It's an ill wind that blows nobody good.

The Octopus.

Like evil tentacles the grip of the coal stoppage spreads. Now elementary schools are closing owing to short fuel supplies. It's always the children who pay in the end for grown-up stupidity.

Official.

The official view of the coal situation is that it "is developing satisfactorily, though slowly." In other words the miners are being "satisfactorily" starved into submission.

Ruhr Reapings.

In the Ruhr coalowners are doing splendid business. Nevertheless, the number of coal workers has been reduced from 559,000 to 367,000. In the Ruhr they only work mines that pay.

The Willing Ass.

Next year the full effects of the coal stoppage will be felt and experts foreshadow a heavy increase in taxation. If the great British public had the sense to wake up it could prevent the making of the burdens that footling politicians now pile upon its back.

The Pay-sheet.

Labour leaders sounding Lobby opinion on the subject of higher salaries for M.P.s find a lot of sympathy among all Parties. There should be a movement among electors to see the salaries earned. If attendance lists are any criterion it's badly needed.

The Golden Brick.

In one company report just presented shareholders in a brick-making concern get a final payment of 10 per cent. making up 20 per cent. for the year. The connection between such facts and the housing shortage should be apparent to anybody not a complete idiot.

Facts Speak.

The advance of 1s. for 280 lb. of flour which decides London master bakers to increase the price of bread to 10d. is answered by the London Co-operative Society. It will not advance the loaf in price.

The "Royal" Gesture.

Neither does the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society intend to raise the price of bread from 9d. the quartern loaf. "There is no necessity for any rise for several weeks," says the secretary.

The Homely Cup.

Artificial "shortage" created by a one-man power in order to keep up tea prices is the latest finding of the Food Council. How much more damning evidence does the Government need to induce it to take strong action?

Abusing a Trust.

Farmers are said to be holding up potato supplies in the hope of famine prices, a short crop being indicated by decreased acreage under cultivation. It's a crying scandal. Food growers hold a national trust.

We Say "Hear, Hear!"

Greenock Housing Council has petitioned the Board of Health to enquire into farmed-out houses in the town. In one house more than ten persons sleep in one room, and one kitchen had three different families as occupants.

Misery Mocked.

For one miserable room in this town rents up to 16s., 21s. and 23s. are being charged and in some tenements 3s. a day is charged for use of a wash-house. If every member of every town council were doomed to one week per month of such living there'd soon be an alteration.

Our "Defectives."

"There are 29,000 mental defectives in England and Wales and 3,000 in Scotland capable of education," says Dr. Eicholz, Chief Medical Inspector to the Board of Education. They must have their chance; but, in a saner age, such defectives won't be born.

Babies Welcomed.

In connection with their flats at Bromley Road, Downham, the London County Council has erected perambulator sheds for the use of which 6d. a week is charged. There's a hint here for private landlords, but the sheds should be free.

The King's Gift.

The £50 given by the King towards the hostel for women and girls being undertaken at St. Martin's marks appreciation of the need. A woman adrift is a pitiable sight. More hostels and clubs would prevent it.

Battle Pictures.

Relatives of officers and men lost in the battles of Coronel and Falkland are putting up strong opposition to the proposed films of the battles. We agree. If such films were made for peace purposes there'd be some justification. Instead, they simply glorify war.

The Burglar's "Bit."

When money was stolen from Gillingham Co-operative Society's premises at Chatham that earmarked for the relief of miners' wives and children was returned through the post. Even "Sikes" has a conscience.

Baby-killing.

In Forest of Dean inhabited land to the extent of 21,609 acres is without water-supply, drainage or sewerage system, or any hospital for infectious diseases. The deaths of babies under one year old have risen from 53.4 per thousand to 100.6 per thousand. Can callous indifference to the children's health go further?

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Not All Glory.

In some districts organised parties of children are being taken to see the war-films so popular with cinema-producers. It is to be hoped that at the same time their parents and teachers will explain that the worst horrors of the battlefield cannot be shown on the screen lest men and women should be sickened with loathing and disgust.

A Poor Law Disgrace.

At the last meeting of the Warwickshire Joint Vagrancy Committee the casual wards at the Tamworth Workhouse were denounced as "a disgrace to civilisation," no one, apparently, venturing to dispute the description. It was stated that they could not be altered. Then they must be abolished.

Manchester's Misery.

In Manchester City more than 100,000 people have to spend days of menace and nights of horror in the 26,000 houses Dr. Veitch Clark, the medical officer, admits to be unfit for habitation. In some districts the houses are crowded sixty to the acre. Manchester must get rid of its evil slums and build houses fit for its people to live in. Fifty thousand are badly needed.

Shipping Luck.

By a freak of Fate and the coal stoppage, ship-owners are in clover. Freight rates have jumped from the poverty line to bounteous heights and as much as £10,000 a voyage is being made on some vessels. Seamen, however, are not getting the smell of an oil rag out of it. At the first hint of the slump, back they will be kicked into the gutter as they were after the war.

The Children's Friend.

In one month—September—the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children investigated no fewer than 3,395 complaints of neglect and cruelty in the British Isles. Of these, 3,279 were found to be true, and 8,132 little ones have benefited thereby. Such evidence should convince even the most sceptical that here is an institution deserving everyone's support.

Poison Tongues.

Clapham gossips suggested that the two sons of Mrs. Annie Hooper, of Dorset Road, had something to do with her death. The inquest proved that Mrs. Hooper strangled herself. The coroner was moved to comment on the cruel wrong the gossips had done the two boys. If the lies can be tracked home to the responsible persons the gossips should be made to face an action for slander. Lying tongues can be bridled by the law.

A Spartan Father.

When a fire broke out in the house of Mr. Daniel Welsh, of Walton Street, Swansea, the father succeeded in carrying the whole of his family down the stairs through the flames and deposited them safely in the street. Mr. Welsh himself was severely burned in the process, as the fire was of such intensity that it took the brigade over an hour to subdue it. It is a pleasure to testify to such supreme pluck.

Fighting Fire.

From September 12, till the early days of October, the officers and crew of the Cardiff steamer *Treganille* were fighting a fire caused by spontaneous combustion. In turn, the men were lowered by a rope into the hold, and played the hose on the burning mass of maize. It was impossible to remain below for more than two minutes at a time, yet the work was carried on day and night. Truly, an epic of British seamanship!

In the Cart.

According to the report of the medical officer of the Billericay Rural Committee, a family of nine, having been evicted from a cottage, lived for a while in a cart at Ingrave, Essex. Five sons and two daughters, in addition to the parents, slept on sacks stuffed with straw, and the cooking was done in the open. Small wonder that we are a C3 nation, and that our morals are no better than they ought to be.

His Pleasant Mile.

The old adage that "many a mickle makes a muckle" is thoroughly believed in by Mr. G. C. Edwards, a Newton Abbot railway-engine driver. Edwards set out to collect one mile of coins in his leisure hours and as a result the local hospital and cancer treatment fund benefits by £402. The added relief to sufferers will be his reward.

Coal Cruelties.

An eye-witness describes the plight of a sixteen-year-old pit-boy in the Rhondda Valley. He had scarcely any clothes, no boots, and just one ragged shirt, which he had to wait for in bed while it was in the wash. There are hundreds of these lads in equal straits. They have no share of blame for the tragedy which is maiming them for life.

Credit—and Discredit.

The Health Ministry's district auditor has found a slack state of affairs at Woolwich, where a number of prominent people are in debt to the Electricity Department. For this improper extension of credit the Tories blame the Socialists and the Socialists the Tories. It is the council's duty to stop this nonsense and collect the cash.

A Mischievous Proceeding.

Mr. John Powell, a magistrate, admitted at an inquest held on Timothy Layton that he had signed a blank form for the retention of a lunatic. As any name could have been filled in, this was a most reprehensible proceeding. The liberty of the subject is a sacred thing, and Mr. Powell will only have himself to blame if he is severely dealt with by the authorities.

Loathsome Revenue.

We think the authorities would do well to dispense with the amount they collect as amusement-tax from visitors to the Crumbles bungalow. Its only claim to notoriety lies in the fact that it was once the scene of a sordid and brutal murder. There is something repelling in the thought that the State is deriving revenue by pandering to the debased tastes of the morbid and the sensual.

The Human Machine

Hunted Lives

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

THERE are several men of my acquaintance who are leading what I can only describe as hunted lives.

They are living in daily and hourly fear—not of the law or of the vengeance of society—but of their own minds.

They are being dogged by some unpleasant fact which they refuse to face, and which they know that sooner or later they will have to face.

The steady gnawing of this restless anxiety is sapping their vitality, destroying their powers of work, and leaving them tossing in a welter of horrible uncertainty.

Since few real evils are as terrible as imagination makes them, these men are foolish not to look their unpleasant facts in the face.

They are foolish to go on day after day as though nothing had happened, for the longer they put off the task of looking truth in the face, the bigger the ordeal is going to be when the inevitable meeting comes.

"REAL troubles," said a recent writer, "are more easily borne than imaginary troubles. Real troubles are tonics; imaginary troubles are diseases."

When a trouble is looked squarely in the face, it has the habit of shrinking to its proper proportions. Courage clears the mind and breeds new courage.

Don't be haunted and hunted by vague dreads. Turn square about and exterminate them by realising their puny stature.

The Fiery Furnace.

At the Teesdale Works, Thornaby, eleven workmen employed in the foundry were subjected to a rain of liquid fire from a glowing cauldron of molten metal that went wrong. To all the injured we wish good recovery. To all who have to meet and deal with industrial troubles we recommend this incident. It illustrates the daily dangers such workers have to face.

Glad Glasgow.

It can no longer be argued that only under private ownership can great businesses pay their way. Statistics just issued by the Glasgow Corporation prove conclusively that if the City Council gave up municipal trading to-morrow it could pay all its debts and hand over £16,000,000 to the ratepayers. It is the quality of the management that counts.

The High Hand.

So boring was life found in the rural village of Moray by a woman school-teacher that she decided to reside in neighbouring Elgin. Because of this the Staffing and Studies Committee are seeking her resignation. We agree with Mr. J. R. Hamilton that such action is unnecessarily autocratic. So long as she fulfils her duties satisfactorily, we cannot see that the authorities have any right to dictate in her private and personal affairs.

A Female Fagin.

Mrs. Ethel Thomas, of Llandaff, is a most unnatural mother. She trained her little girl, aged six, to steal goods at the local stores of Messrs. Woolworth, which the child slipped into a bag carried by the accused. The chairman of the Cardiff justices pronounced the case an exceedingly bad one, and fined her 40s. or a month. It is sad to think that it might have been better for the little one had the woman not had the option.

Her Noble Sacrifice.

When little Joyce Page, a mite of two, upset her doll's pram into the lake at Abingdon Park, Northampton, and fell in after it, Miss Mary Asher, an aged woman of seventy-three, plunged in, grasped the baby and then collapsed. Another woman, Mrs. Anthony Birdsall, pluckily rescued the two, and the baby was saved. But the cold shock had been too much for Miss Asher's great age; she never revived. Her memory will be among the imperishables. She was a real heroine.

Back from the Sea.

The certificates of the Royal Humane Society were thoroughly well earned by Samuel Fields, of Stepney, and George Day, of Charlton, a fact fully recognised when they were presented. These two, of the s.s. *Halcyon*, when the vessel was lying at Bordeaux, saw a French workman throw himself into the swiftly flowing river Gironde, and without an instant's hesitation both plunged in to save him. We join, metaphorically, in the ringing cheers that greeted their fine action.

A Good Recommendation.

The Public Health Committee of Paddington want to make rheumatism in children under fourteen a notifiable disease. With housing, clothing and feeding all it should be, rheumatism would be an impossible disease for children, but it isn't and that's where the tragedy lies. The experiments being energetically advocated by Dr. Reginald Miller, honorary physician to the Paddington Green Children's Hospital, should go a long way to convince the public of the menace of rheumatism to the country's youth.

A Ghoulish Action.

The dead body of a child, when handed to its grandmother at the Leeds Maternity Hospital, was neither placed in a coffin nor provided with a shroud, but just callously wrapped in a piece of brown paper. "Had our Board been responsible," Mr. T. Pearson, a member of the Leeds Board of Guardians, told the guardians, when the facts were disclosed, "no word in the English language would be too strong to use in condemnation of the action." And that is none the less true because others are to blame.

The Greater Deed.

Well deserved is the medal of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire just bestowed upon Robert Wild, a Rochdale cotton-mill worker, for gallantry. When a fellow-workman's clothes caught alight in the mill, Wild rushed to him and with his bare hands extinguished the flames. His courage saved a life and proved him a real man.

"Grossly Inadequate."

We agree with Sir Ernest Wild, K.C., that a sentence of two years' hard labour was "grossly inadequate" for the vile offence committed by Jacob Gulsilbershave, of St. George's Street, Whitechapel. He had been found guilty of offences against his fourteen-year-old step-daughter committed over a protracted period. So small a maximum for so heinous a crime is a disgrace.

A Fatal Delay.

When Joseph Bettel injured his arm whilst at work, he went to a Liverpool hospital to be X-rayed, and was told to call again in two days. Before the two days had expired the poor chap was dead. In the opinion of the Earlestown coroner his life would have been saved had the X-ray operation been performed. The officials of the hospital must explain to save other similar institutions from unjust criticism.

Brains Tell.

The L.C.C. is justly proud of a former elementary schoolboy who went to Oldfield Road School, Stoke Newington. He is Dr. E. C. James, and he won his way from scholarship to scholarship, eventually entering Pennsylvania University. He is now a technical adviser to the U.S. Government. Dr. James' career shows that brains, hard work and perseverance find recognition, even when a lad starts from the bottom of the ladder.

Driven to the Streets.

More than forty applications to open on Sundays, submitted by cinematograph theatres, etc., were received by the Middlesex County Council, not a single one of which was granted. It was stated that 26,456 signatures, mostly from religious bodies, had been received in opposition. Since Sunday is the day on which a workingman can best take his wife to the pictures, this is a direct snub to labour and, which is worse, it is driving young people upon the streets.

A National Scandal.

When an eleven-year-old boy was charged at Chester with the attempted murder of a tiny child, the medical officer of health, Dr. Rennet, said that the prisoner was a mental defective whom he had been trying to get into a home for the past three years. He knew of five or six other boys in the same condition, but owing to lack of accommodation nothing could be done for them. It is a scandal that these youths should be forced to commit crime before receiving proper attention.

Magisterial Indiscretion.

For the professional receiver we have no sympathy to spare. We doubt if Albert Nuttage, twenty, a fishmonger's assistant, of Chippenham Road, Paddington, can be counted in this category, since this was his first known offence. He had been found guilty of receiving £16 worth of property, and the magistrate hinted that he would have sent the youth to prison but for the restraining hands of the Lord Chancellor, the Home Secretary and the Lord Chief Justice. This sneer at the First Offenders Act was an unwarrantable indiscretion.

Where Are the Two?

Millie Holmes, a young mill-girl of Turton, Bolton, found herself in the dock charged with making a secret disposition of the body of her child, born dead, only to be immediately set free. Two men were concerned in the case and Judge Branson sternly enquired, "Why are the two men not in the dock with her? . . . If she is guilty, then they are equally guilty." Why, indeed? Ashworth and Barker, the two men named, may thank their lucky stars the case did not end differently. As it is, they have at least learned that the law recognises there are two parents to every child.

What an Offer!

Llanely Rural Council recently advertised for a clerk in the highway surveyor's department. Previous experience in a similar capacity was called for, together with knowledge of keeping accounts, shorthand and typewriting. The applicant was also required to give a guarantee bond for £200, and in return the council offered the handsome remuneration of £2 5s. per week! It seems preposterous.

Emigrants, Beware!

We quote from a letter written by the secretary of a charitable association who investigated a case of hardship in New Zealand, the subjects of which had emigrated from these shores. "The landlord, a bailiff, and a policeman stripped the home, furniture, clothes, beds and bedding, groceries, even to a poor sick baby's clothes and bed." Truly, it seems better to bear the ills we have than fly to others that we know not of.

Home as Jail.

Robert and Janet Jenkinson, of Beresford Road, Stratford, Manchester, who imprisoned three children in a bedroom for two days, are now finding out what imprisonment for nine months is like. The children have Jenkinson for their father, but his wife is their step-mother. The inhuman couple, who left the children with insufficient food, must not be permitted to have control of the mites when they emerge from prison.

A Missing Welsh Girl.

Where is Mary Sullivan, who left her home at 57, Pennant Street, Ebbw Vale, Monmouthshire, to come to London? A year or so ago she was an inmate of Lambeth Infirmary, but since leaving that institution all trace of her has been lost. Her parents fear that her health has broken down again and that she is lying ill in some place where her home address is unknown. Any news which may lead to her discovery will be gratefully received.

Twin Testimonials?

Mr. Hamilton Stone, of Chiswell Chambers, Finsbury Street, London, E.C., is advertising a miraculous system for making short people tall. Perhaps the most wonderful thing about the system is that in two separate newspaper announcements Mr. Stone quotes a glowing testimonial from a client whose height increased from 5 ft. 4 in. to 5 ft. 8½ in. In each case the wording is identical, but one purports to emanate from "M. Bryant," whilst the other is signed "John B. Jones." A curious coincidence!

The Miners' Moneylenders!

Mason and Wood, Ltd., of 11, Devonshire Street, Carlisle, whose directors are B. Birk, "British, Russ. Orig.," and E. Black, "British, Lith. Orig.," have just made an "important announcement." They are prepared to grant special concessions to people connected with the mining industry. Unemployed borrowers need not make their first repayment until "fourteen days after resumption of work" in the coalfields, whilst those on short time can repay loans in "small monthly instalments." What accommodating gentlemen!

"Two Story Houses."

The Equitable House Property Company, Limited, which we criticised in our issue of September 4, 1926, informs us that the advertisement to which we took exception was inserted without its knowledge and has now been definitely withdrawn. The company further states that it is strongly opposed to its agents obtaining business by misstatements or misrepresentations, and we are also informed that enquiries are being made into the various complaints that have been lodged and that, if complaints are found to be justified, the company intends to dismiss the officials at fault.

WIN A DINNER!

LET "Bullets" provide your Christmas Dinner! 600 Turkeys and Surrey Fowls await you this week. See p. 39

Problems of Life

Hidden Goodness

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

MR ARNOLD BENNETT'S latest story is attracting considerable attention and comment on the part of the reading public, chiefly because of the picture it is supposed to present of life behind the scenes in influential circles.



Mr. Arnold Bennett

Much curiosity has been aroused concerning the identity of prominent personalities in this work of fiction, and some people are busily treating it as a sort of cross-word puzzle to which they have to find a solution.

Mr. Bennett is a clever artist—too clever for many of his critics and admirers—and he knows better than to stick to literal fact when describing Cabinet meetings, political intrigues, and social scandals; so the readers who are racking their brains to discover who did this or that as told in his pages might as well save themselves the trouble.

He is not writing English history, but dissecting English character, a task for which he possesses special qualifications.

What seems to me to be regrettable in the exercise of his gift is that he so seldom shows us human nature in a fine light. Like more than one of present-day writers he can depict mean motives and grovelling aims better than he can unveil the human heart in its nobler moods.

WHY do so many of us revel in the baseness of our neighbours? A spicy bit of scandal is always enjoyed either in fiction or in real life; yet experience ought to have taught us that very ordinary men and women are capable of the most wonderful feats of moral heroism.

A great judge of the Divorce Court was once asked what had impressed him most during his long term of service. His answer was unexpected. "The marvellous goodness of human nature," he said.

One would scarcely think of looking for much goodness amid the oil and lies and cruelty that accompany divorce cases; but it is there.

Not all wrongs are righted in this world. Injustice may be life-long. The best of people may have to endure misrepresentation and vile ingratitude through weary and painful years.

But there is compensation. The compensation is the peculiar beauty of soul that is distilled by sorrow bravely and unselfishly borne.

I KNOW people to-day who have kept loyally silent for half a lifetime, and allowed themselves to be misjudged, rather than bring shame upon an honoured name.

I know others who cheerfully and uncomplainingly carry burdens of responsibility that ought never to have been thrust upon them, and perform irksome duties for love's sake without expecting recognition or reward.

These are tales that would be worth the telling, but they are never told.

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THE SCARRED SCOUNDREL

AMAZING SOCIETY CROOK AT LARGE

Don Juan's Dozen Aliases

THERE is at large to-day one of the most impudent criminals of modern times, who cares as little for law and order as he does for the impending consequences of his amazing exploits.

He is a gentleman who favours a variety of aliases, numbering upwards of a dozen, his favourite of late being the surname of Watson.

A rascal with dignity

Mr. Watson is gifted with a handsome countenance and pleasing personality. Finely built and of imposing stature, he believes in bringing off his coups in a dignified fashion, and is extraordinarily successful where impressionable women are concerned. To discover victims amongst women folk, in fact, seems to be his chief aim.

His chief line of attack is to make love to a wealthy woman, whom he has selected with care as a promising dupe. Having established friendship, he proceeds to entertain her on a lavish scale, taking her out to dances and to the best restaurants and fashionable hotels, and driving her about in the finest limousines.

Once having gained her affections, he suggests an elopement and a quiet marriage, after which he talks glibly of introducing her to his exclusive family circle.

But the marriage never follows, and the unsuspecting victim finally discovers that she has been tricked by a plausible rogue who has helped himself liberally to her personal belongings, and has disappeared without a word of warning.

As an instance of Watson's methods, we cannot do better than cite one of his latest exploits.

During the summer, while staying at Westcliff-on-Sea, he made the chance acquaintance of a young lady, who was soon impressed by his charming manner.

There was an air of mystery about him which heightened his attractiveness. He was fashionably and faultlessly attired, and always very gentlemanly and accommodating.

Misusing honoured names

Finally, on being pressed, he divulged his identity. He was, he said, the managing director of the famous firm of Angus Watson, Ltd.

In a delightfully casual manner he confided that he was also very interested in the business of Messrs. W. H. Wills and Co., Ltd., and, among many other things, was also very actively associated in the famous chocolate firm of Terry and Co., Ltd.

This is a typical example of this man's colossal impertinence. Naturally, the lady in question had no idea that her romantic friend was misusing the honoured names of these great companies.

None of these companies, of course, has the faintest connection with the gentleman.

He spent money freely, but his

lady friend thought that this was only natural in a man whose income must run into tens of thousands a year, and who was a conspicuous figure in society.

As time went on the Westcliff lady fell completely under the sway of the handsome Mr. Watson.

Eventually, in response to his suggestions, she agreed to elope with him. They came to London and visited in great style a famous West End hotel, where she was to meet his family and friends.

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She did not meet his family, but numerous male acquaintances, who appeared to be every bit as affluent as her fiancé, were frequent callers.

Mr. Watson informed her that they were confidential advisers in con-



Chief Constable Wensley, of Scotland Yard, who is engaged in running to earth the "crook with the scar"

nection with his investments on the Stock Exchange, and were people whose business it was to keep him informed of the rising and falling of stocks and shares in which he was interested. His art in "telling the tale" was perfect to the last degree.

One day, by clever cunning, he told his fiancée that he had invested a huge sum of money in a concern which was making tremendous profits.

He produced documents which appeared to bear out this story, and suggested that she, too, should take advantage of the wonderful opportunity and share the benefit of his confidential information.

Why he disappeared

The lady had some hundreds of pounds in the Post Office Savings Bank, and the offer tempted her. At Mr. Watson's suggestion she withdrew the money, and handed it to him a day or two before the proposed marriage.

Mr. Watson forthwith proceeded to the City to invest the money, stating that he would have to be quick in order to catch the market on the rise.

That he was certainly quick is not

to be doubted, for from that moment he passed out of this lady's life, leaving her broken-hearted, penniless and minus a quantity of valuable jewellery.

When she eventually realised that she had been duped by an unscrupulous rogue the distressed victim reported the matter to the police authorities.

This unfortunate lady, we are sorry to say, is only one of this amorous scoundrel's victims. There are many others who have been treated in much the same sort of fashion.

Lurid his'ory revealed

Who is he?

He is known in the underworld, amongst his evil associates, by the name of Brough, and is believed to hail from the North of England. He certainly speaks with a strong North Country accent, and in any case is a crook of astonishing resources.

In his time he has been a common thief, a society adventurer, and has carried out all forms of fraud with the ease and indifference of a born criminal.

Amongst the many names he has used are those of Thornton, the surname of "Watson," with the Christian name of "Harry" one day, "Frank" the next, and so on; and, amongst others, the alias of Riley.

He has served many terms of imprisonment for various offences of the kind indicated above, and has been convicted during the past few years in many parts of the country.

In some of the northern towns of England he is extremely well known to the police.

Since he discarded his latest victim in London a few weeks ago, Brough has been operating in Mayfair, and many enquiries have been made about him.

The police to-day are very harassed with enquiries of many kinds owing to the fact that there are a large number of skilled criminals who are clever enough to operate with a certain amount of impunity.

The "scar" that "tells"

But Mr. Watson, with his many aliases, should not be too difficult to catch, and the public can possibly assist the police by taking note of one outstanding peculiarity in his description.

He has a crescent-shaped scar on his nose!

In the hope of assisting the authorities to lay this many-named swindler by the heels we appeal particularly to wealthy women, who, as we say, are the chief victims he sets out to ensnare.

Any person who becomes aware of the movements of this scoundrel will earn the gratitude of his country by communicating at once with the nearest police station.

A Fade-Away Co.

Where Has It Gone?

THERE are, apparently, to be found in the City of London, registered companies which, like the old soldiers in the ditty, "never die—they only fade away."

So, at least, we must conclude after studying certain chapters in the history of African Adventurers, Limited, once of 3, London Wall Buildings, E.C., but at the moment of no fixed abode.

It was registered in 1919 with a nominal capital of £1,000, afterwards increased to £25,000, in which something like £4,000 was subscribed for in hard cash by directors and members of the public.

Like other "adventurers" in the realm of mineral prospecting, the company failed to set Throgmorton Street on fire. There is nothing much to be said on that account.

A cause of complaint

Where we do complain about the company, or those latterly responsible for its direction, is in neglecting to take the steps to obtain what we may term an authentic "death certificate."

At the suggestion of a woman shareholder, anxious to find what had happened to her money, we inspected the files at Somerset House.

We found that, on December 5, 1924, a letter had been addressed to the Registrar, informing him that the company had ceased to carry on business, and also requesting that it should consequently be struck off the register.

The letter was signed "F. Airris, late Secretary."

Nine months subsequently, the woman shareholder wrote asking for certain particulars. Her letter was returned, marked "Gone away." Perhaps the fault was her own, for some time previously the address of the company had been changed.

Natural questions

In a subsequent letter, addressed on behalf of the company, to the Registrar, and dated January 9, 1926, there is a second request that the company be struck off as it had been unable to carry on its prescribed work owing to being "entirely without funds or any assets," and because the shareholders had, apparently, "lost all interest in the concern."

Mr. Airris, who was "late secretary" in the first letter, now signs himself as "secretary."

Three months later, the company which "was not carrying on business" notified the Registrar of a change of address to London Wall.

It is there no longer, and the shareholder is still unable to get any satisfaction.

In spite of the secretary's assurance that the shareholders have "lost all interest in the concern," she, at least, is very anxious to know if, and when, the company was wound up, and likewise why.

A TERRIBLE BABY FARM

CHILDREN WITH SHADOWED LIVES

"Too Awful to Contemplate"

THE terrible frequency with which reports of cruelty to little children appear in the general Press shows all too plainly that the Child Adoption Bill is in need of rigorous amendment.

A clause should be added to render it impossible for any parentless child to be given into the care of a stranger unless due investigations have been made to show that the proposed foster-parent is a fit and proper person to act in that capacity.

Again and again one reads of cases where people have adopted a child, have treated it with kindness for a time, but have subsequently lost interest and affection.

The plight of a child in such circumstances is sad indeed, for even if it is not treated with deliberate cruelty, the fact remains that it is often unwanted and unloved.

But in countless cases the treatment meted out to such children is callous in the extreme. An unhappy example is the case of little Arthur Cooper, who is six years and seven months old.

What the doctor found

When this little chap was only three he was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Ford, a young couple of French Hill, Thursley. Presumably there must have been some affection at the time of the adoption, but the other day these foster-parents stood in the dock at Guildford County Court, charged with ill-treating their adopted child.

The evidence of Mr. A. D. Jenkins, a solicitor who prosecuted on behalf of the N.S.P.C.C., showed that the sus-

picion of the authorities had first been aroused at the school medical examination, when the doctor had found the child extensively bruised.

The doctor in question, Dr. Donaldson, assistant medical officer of health for the county, told the court of his discoveries on the occasion of the examination. They do not make pleasant reading.

According to his evidence, the medical man found that little Arthur Cooper was in a cowed state and had a slight limp.

There was a small bruise under the child's left eye, and there were bruises and red marks in various parts of the body. In the left scapular region the bruising was extensive.

A callous defence

The doctor's opinion was that the child had been injured by some heavy instrument and not from an ordinary cane. The child must have suffered considerably.

An inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. told how he had called at the boy's home address and examined him in the presence of his foster-mother. He declared that there were twelve weals on the back of the right thigh, but all the little fellow would say was: "Daddy and Mummy beat me."

In defence the foster-mother said that the child was stubborn and often had to be thrashed. He had been late home from school, so she had thrashed him with her hands.

On the previous evening her husband had thrashed him with a stick because he had kicked her.

Much the same tone was adopted by the husband.

The chairman observed that there was nothing to prove habitual ill-treatment, but it was clear that the child had been beaten in a brutal manner and the foster-parents would be fined £3 each.

Infant's awful plight

Meanwhile arrangements were made for the child to be taken from their charge and restored to his parents.

A case of a somewhat different nature has been brought to our notice from Ireland, where a woman named Ellen Shiels has just been prosecuted, also at the instigation of the N.S.P.C.C.

A woman inspector of the society told how she had called at Mrs. Shiels' house to find a girl of fifteen in charge of the place, which was used for boarding out unwanted little ones.

She discovered a five-months-old infant lying upon a filthy mattress and covered with dirty clothing. The child was pale, emaciated and scalded. A feeding-bottle lying close by was in a foul condition.

The inspector could find no food in the house, and, having sent out for some, fed and attended to the child. Meanwhile, in another room, she discovered an eighteen-months-old infant in an equally neglected condition. It was dirty and wan and starving.

"Take the brats out of this. I don't want them!" was the foster-mother's comment when questioned by the inspector.



Sir Robert Carr, O.B.E., Director of the National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children

When a doctor was subsequently summoned he found that the first child was suffering from bronchitis and covered with a rash, whilst the second had rickets and a deformed spine. Both, he declared, were several pounds below the average weight, due to semi-starvation or improper feeding.

The justice shocked

In the course of the evidence it was stated that a third child who had been entrusted to the "care" of this woman had died.

Having observed that the pain and suffering caused to children in such circumstances was "too awful to contemplate," the justice sentenced Mrs. Shiels to two months' imprisonment.

We are afraid that there will always be cases "too awful to contemplate" unless the Adoption of Children Bill is amended on the lines we have suggested.

No Second Chance

Career Ruined for Sevenpence!

MR. JOHN HENRY TRUELOVE, of Fowler Street, Camberwell, S.E., is a seaman who has been in the mercantile service for many years.

Since 1911 he has been employed by the Atlantic Transport Line, and has always served his employers faithfully. The company, indeed, describe him as a very good servant.

Recently it was the misfortune of Mr. Truelove to stand in the dock on a charge of theft. He was arraigned before the East Ham magistrates for the offence of stealing one tin of condensed milk, valued at 7d.

That he committed the crime there is no doubt. As he was leaving his ship, the *Minnewaska*, on which he had made no fewer than twenty-nine voyages, the stolen property was discovered in his pocket.

The magistrate's hope

The tin of milk was part of the stores served out to the crew, and Truelove, in a moment of aberration, had taken it. When questioned, he admitted his guilt.

In the circumstances, one might have looked to the company to forgive an old servant for his trifling

lapse. But it prosecuted him forthwith.

The chairman of the magistrates, Alderman G. P. Dean, asked whether Truelove would lose his situation, and was informed by a police officer that he would.

"I think, after fifteen years' service, that the company is inclined to harshness," commented Mr. Dean, and discharged Truelove under the Probation of Offenders Act, expressing the hope that the company would review its decision.

A fatal blot

There are many people who, with us, will endorse the magistrate's action in this case, and who will join him in hoping that the Atlantic Transport Line will give its old employé another chance.

For if it does not do so it will have to mark his service papers to the effect that he was discharged for theft, which means that his career at sea will be ended.

The Atlantic Transport Company is right in insisting on strict honesty amongst its employés, but will it not give Truelove a second chance which he surely deserves?

Telephone Tyranny

Misplaced "Efficiency"

NO one can deny that our telephone services leave much to be desired. "Wrong

number" troubles have provided the humorous journals with countless jokes, but the matter is hardly a joke to a harassed business man.

Somewhere, we imagine, there is an efficient school of elocution where telephone operators are taught to repeat the parrot phrase, "I'm sorry you've been troubled," in musical and soothing tones.

But the most musical voice in the world can hardly make up for lack of efficiency in a public service.

It would seem that the efforts of the telephone authorities towards obtaining efficiency are nearly always diverted into wrong channels. Take, for example, the experience of a Golders Green resident.

Expensive delay

Whilst this gentleman was away on his summer holiday this year his account for telephone charges was sent to his home address. Owing to his silence, the authorities, bristling with efficiency, disconnected our reader's line.

On the following day the gentleman

returned from his holiday, paid his account, and the connection was restored.

Now has come a communication from the authorities demanding payment of 5s. to defray "expenses incurred in the withdrawal and restoration of telephone facilities"—for one day!

A bit too sharp

Our reader has been a telephone subscriber for sixteen years, during which time he has invariably settled his accounts with the utmost promptitude. The single day's delay on this occasion was due, as we have explained, to his absence on holiday.

And until he received the demand for "expenses" he was not even aware that his line had ever been disconnected!

Such measures are certainly justifiable in the case of subscribers who habitually delay settlement of their accounts, but in the circumstances mentioned above, the authorities seem to have been just a little too "efficient."

If they would show the same zeal in endeavouring to improve their services, no one would complain.

JOHN BULL

STRANGE GAS GADGET

EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS METHODS

Ancient Testimonials Dug Up

THERE are many who strive to take advantage of those possessing ambition and desire for success. Tempting schemes are continually being put forward

OUR sympathy goes out to the job-seekers. Their path is fraught with difficulties. Many a proposition which has appeared hopeful at the outset has proved disappointing upon investigation.

Advertisements have recently appeared offering "an ambitious man a genuine active share" for £200. The ambitious man was to pay £50 down and wipe off the balance from his profits after drawing £4 weekly.

The nature of the business was not disclosed in the advertisement, and applicants were asked to reply to a box number.

One gentleman who deemed the proposition worthy of consideration received a businesslike communication to the effect that he was to 'phone for an appointment only if his application was genuine. Agents, money-lenders and curiosity-mongers, it declared, were barred.

Reducing the gas bill

This communication bore the signature "Frank R. Edge," principal of the National Gas Meter and Fittings Testing Association, Desk No. 4, 2, Gloucester Road, S. Tottenham, N.

An accompanying circular set forth details relating to Edge's "positive in situ system of testing gas meters and gas installations." This system it described as the "proved" method of genuinely reducing gas accounts by detecting overcharges and various other leakages.

Swayed by this circular, the gentleman in question interviewed Mr. Edge. He stated that he would require an investment of £250, but only £50 need be paid down, just to cover the cost of his patent gas-testing apparatus.

He proposed to give the investor a month's tuition in meter-testing, after which period the latter would be able to carry on working for the association as an operator.

At the end of two months a further £50 would have to be paid, and from then on £1 a week would be deducted from the operator's earnings.

Mr. Edge handed the applicant a batch of printed matter and urged him to give the proposition his immediate consideration as others were interested also.

Some of the printed matter consisted of "testimonials" from well-known firms which had had their gas installations tested by Edge's method.

A surprise in store

It was naturally a simple matter of business to take up one or two of these references, but the subsequent replies showed that the tests in most cases had been made many years ago.

Some were doubtful whether they had ever had dealings with the association at all, whilst others declared that it must have been fifteen or twenty years since, and announced

their intentions of taking the matter up with Mr. Edge at once.

The gentleman concerned placed all his papers in our hands. We were very interested, for his query was not the first to reach us.

Reference to the Register of Business Names at Somerset House shows that the full title of the concern is the National Gas Meter and Fittings Testing Association and School of Instruction.

It was registered in September, 1920, and business was commenced in January of that year.

A disappointing return

So the ancient testimonials quoted in Mr. Edge's literature cannot have referred to the business in its present registration.

Yet surely the prospects of the present business are the only concern of present investors?

But let us turn to the experience of a gentleman who actually took up Mr. Edge's present proposition, paying him £25 as a first deposit.

He received his month's tuition and made an optimistic endeavour to build up a connection as operator in a South London district.

He states that in three weeks he sent out no fewer than 240 circulars and made over 200 personal visits, yet the sole response was a postcard asking for a copy of a prospectus, which led to nothing further.

This is not surprising, for there is no recognised private test for gas-meters, and most householders would naturally be a little dubious about allowing a stranger to tamper with their gas-fittings.

When the operator complained to Mr. Edge, the latter informed him that the fault lay not in the system, but with him. "I am afraid you are not the right man," he wrote; "it all depends on the man."

Hazy possibilities

But it seems a little strange that £25 should be charged for a month's tuition and then for the operator to be told that he is not the man for the job.

Whatever success may have attended Mr. Edge's "system" fifteen or twenty years ago its present possibilities are not at all clear.

One final word is of interest. In 1923 Edge was advertising for gas-fitters. Expectant applicants did not find a job waiting for them—they were merely offered the opportunity of purchasing his patent testing apparatus outright for £45, less 50 per cent. "trade discount."

In view of the foregoing facts intending investors would be well advised to make the fullest enquiries as to the nature of the present business to ensure that they will not be disappointed.

A DILATORY POET

FROM HARDWARE TO LITERATURE!

A "Winning" Line

THE field of literature makes a wide appeal. Concerns which promise help to aspirants are numerous. They are not, however, always the help they pretend to be

A VERY interesting figure in the realms of prose and poetry is Mr. Sidney Fowler Wright, of "Oaklands," Handsworth, Birmingham, whose London address is Room 512, Abbey House, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W. 1.

Mr. Wright has not always confined his activities to literature.

A few years ago Mr. Fowler Wright was engaged in the rather prosaic business of the hardware trade in Birmingham.

His present position often brings him in touch with well-known figures of the literary and dramatic world, and, amongst many other achievements, he is the editor of a magazine entitled *Poetry and the Play*.

It is not a little surprising, therefore, that Mr. Wright should do what he can to help poets and writers who have been less fortunate than himself.

Seeing themselves in print

For some time he has set out to assist unknown literary aspirants to enjoy the pleasure of seeing themselves in print.

As an example of this let us trace the experience of a young poet who approached Mr. Wright with a view to publishing a book of verse.

Mr. Fowler Wright undertook to carry out the work for the poet in return for £50 cover for printing and £10 10s. for personal supervision.

The gentleman in question gladly agreed to these terms, and waited patiently for the volume which he hoped would bring him fame.

After a time, however, his patience was exhausted when the promised book did not make its appearance.

Eventually he was forced to take proceedings for the return of his money, but Mr. Fowler Wright failed to appear in court to contest the claim against him.

The result was that judgment was given against him by default for the return of the money and the manuscript. Even then the poet failed to obtain his money.

Mr. Fowler Wright applied to the court for the judgment to be set aside, stating that he had been present in court during the morning, but that during the luncheon interval had been held up in the traffic.

An offer declined

Mr. Justice Rowlatt granted this application subject to his payment of costs, but Mr. Fowler Wright did not take advantage of the judge's offer, and the original judgment stands accordingly.

It is now well over two years since the poet parted with his money and as he was still without satisfaction had to resort to the weary process of litigation before he saw any chance of getting that which was his due.

Lately, Mr. Fowler Wright has

been associated with a concern called the Literary Contests Company of New Street, West Bromwich, which set out to help competition entrants, but which has come to grief.

In return for a small fee and a percentage of the possible prize money it undertook to provide competitors with what were hoped to be winning attempts.

Now, in the first place, the Literary Contests Company is not registered at Somerset House under the Business Names Act.

This is a punishable offence, and we trust that the Board of Trade will look into the matter.

The mysterious principal

A Birmingham reader has had a very disappointing experience with the Literary Contest Company.

He was employed by the concern to write "winning lines" for its clients.

He was to be paid 12s. 6d. per hundred lines, plus 10 per cent. commission if any of his efforts succeeded in winning prizes of £5 or over.

After he had executed a certain amount of work without receiving payment, our reader wrote to the manager of the concern, whose name was Webb.

The latter stated that a remittance in settlement would be posted "during the week-end."

It did not arrive, and when the manager next wrote he observed that our reader should receive his money "from the principal" by the same post.

The "principal" presumably referred to the head of the unregistered concern, whose name should be available at Somerset House, but which isn't!

The money never came, however, and our reader eventually got in touch with Mr. Sidney Fowler Wright.

The useless warrant

When the latter was approached for payment he denied that he was principal of the concern, but stated that he wished to see him paid. The disappointed client recently summoned him and obtained judgment against him.

A warrant of execution was issued, but it was eventually endorsed "Defendant has no goods or chattels whereon to levy. The goods are claimed by defendant's wife."

Nor is that all.

Mr. Webb, the manager of the Literary Contests Company, has not received his salary, and also has at stake an investment of £50.

As the business has now collapsed his prospects are not inspiring.

Even the journal which inserted the concern's "winning line" advertisements has had to take action for payment, and also obtained judgment against Mr. Wright.

A NIGHTMARE MARRIAGE

WHITE BRIDE'S TRAGIC STORY

An Indian Love Tragedy

THERE has come to us a moving appeal from a bonnie Lancashire girl. Her name is Gladys Wainright and she has sought our help in a problem which, unfortunately, is by no means new.

It is not often that we are unable to give some kind of advice to those who ask for it, but in this case there is little to be done.

The wrong is irreparable, and the only satisfaction the girl may have is that her story will serve as a warning of the calamitous consequences awaiting British girls who enter into marriages with men of colour.

We have called this young woman by her maiden name, though, in fact, she is Mrs. Saina Patti, the wife of a young Hindoo.

An om no s date

She is living with her parents and at the age of twenty-two is already broken-hearted and disillusioned. Her "romance" began when she met Saina Patti, an attractive fellow who was in business in her native town of Manchester.

A marriage was arranged, and in spite of the opposition of her father and the advice of friends was duly solemnised in the parish church of St. Luke's, Cheetham, on May 13, 1922.

The honeymoon was a happy one and, six weeks after the wedding, Saina Patti, who was himself only twenty-four, set sail with his bride for his native town of Amritsar.

She was taken to the house of her father-in-law, who lived in the native quarter of the city.

Within a few days of her arrival, Gladys was to realise what the warning of her friends at home had meant, and why it was that white women on board ship had looked upon her with such compassion.

Except for the colour of her skin, she ceased to be a "white" woman. Indian marriage customs are strict, and husband and father-in-law insisted, as they had a right to do, that she should obey these customs.

Apart from anything the girl herself has to say, it may be presumed that the native women-folk with whom she was brought into close contact were not kindly disposed toward the white interloper.

The climax of racial feeling was reached when oneday her husband took her into the native bazaar where European women are not expected to come.

She was mobbed by infuriated natives and was brought back to the home that was no home, a cowed and trembling bundle of outraged womanhood.

A hopeless act or

In time she realised that she was to become a mother. The prospect only added to the misery of it all. The birth of the child seriously impaired her health and a succession of operations followed.

Friendless, save for her husband who appears to have done his best in an impossible situation, and despised

by almost everyone, her endurance at last gave out, and she returned to her home in Manchester.

Another operation followed. Subsequently she applied for a maintenance order at the Manchester Court. It was a hopeless action from the first. Her husband was then in England and expressed his willingness to take her back to India.

East and West

She had not a shred of legal claim against him. She was his wife, and according to the marital laws of East and West it was her duty to be beside her husband.

She had the brutal truth made plain to her in court by counsel for Saina Patti, who asserted that by marrying an Indian she became in the eyes of the law an Indian herself. She vehemently and tearfully protested that she remained an Englishwoman. But was she?

In the eyes of the law she was an Indian, and in the eyes of the law the hell that she had endured could not possibly be construed as cruelty on the part of her husband.

When pressed to give some specific cases of ill-treatment she could only burst into tears and say, "I cannot tell you, sir; nobody can understand unless they have been to India."

More recently Gladys took steps to have proceedings opened for a divorce, and it is in this connection that our advice has been sought. We can hold out little hope of her finding so



Miss Gladys Wainright

satisfactory an end to her terrible matrimonial adventure.

It was she who left her husband, and not he who left her, and the expenses of such a case, even if her grounds were valid, would be far beyond her means.

It is altogether a very tragic business, and her story is a terrible warning to others. We do not offer one word of blame against Saina Patti, the young Hindoo.

He loved his wife when he married her, and for all we know may love her still. But love is one thing between those of different race and matrimony is another.

East is East and West is West and the time is still very far distant when "the twain shall meet" on that basis of social compatibility which alone can make marriage other than purgatory on one side or the other.

A MYSTIC MIX-UP TRUTH IN INSTALMENTS

A society with the objects shown below really deserves credit for any members it can obtain!

TRUTH, whose legendary home is always supposed to be at the bottom of a well, has apparently moved.

Her present place of abode, if we are to believe the pamphlet issued by a society that calls itself "The Universal Order," is at Lincoln House, Acacia Road, Acton, where she appears to have formed herself into a kind of company for the betterment of mankind at so much a head.

The Universal Order, according to this same pamphlet, is dedicated to the Sacred Majesty of Truth. The public are told, in ten bewildering introductory pages, that make up what they lack in lucidity by an abundance of capital letters, what the objects of the society are.

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It is "a System of Training in the principles of Universal Philosophy, Religion and Mystical Science" and aspires "to contribute towards the synthesis and unification of the wisdom of the ages and to enshrine such aspects of this wisdom as are calculated to elevate, enrich and

expand the human consciousness," whatever they may mean.

Further paragraphs tell us that "The Purpose for which the Order exists is to co-operate with all movements dedicated to the Great Work of the Redemption, Elevation and Perfection of the human race, by indicating the primal Mystic Pathways of the Soul."

What s not s d

There is a lot more in this same uplifting strain—in fact the only thing they don't say is how this great purpose is to be achieved.

Those in sympathy with the "Ideals, Objects and Principles" are, however, invited to become members. "Members are accepted first as Associates, but are free to become Aspirants as soon as they desire, provided they are in harmony with the Spirit of the Order."

All this, of course, is very spiritual and helpful, but even the spiritual must have substantial material support.

"The Order," we are told, "is supported by Voluntary Donations, the amount and frequency of which are left to members themselves to

decide. However, for those who wish to subscribe regularly a definite amount, nominal quarterly or annual fees of 10s. 6d. or £1 1s. or more are suggested.

"The Benefits which any earnest member may freely receive from the Order cannot be paid for by money, but we are confident that those who have the interests of the Order at heart and who may have benefited by their membership, will regard it as their moral duty to assist as far as is within their means so that the Great Work may not be hindered by lack of material assistance."

There is also a quarterly magazine, "The Shrine of Wisdom," so full of obscure learning that it should be considered cheap at the price—5s. a year—or as much as you like to give.

Whetting the appetite

But this is merely a mental cocktail, something to whet the appetite for the many books of learning that, apparently, constitute the course mentioned in the introductory pamphlet, whereby we may rise to better things.

From Lincoln House one may

obtain "A Synthesis of the System of Plotinus," price 3s. cloth bound; "The Path of Union by Devotion" and "The Path of Union by Knowledge," price 1s. 3d. each; "The Mystical Theology of Dionysius the Areopagite," the text-book for Christian Mystics, price 1s. 6d.; "The Divine Pymander of Hermes-Trismegistus," elucidated and systematized, price 3s., and others.

Unpublished treasures

Unfortunately, all members do not seem to have sufficiently realised their "moral duty to the Order," and unless substantial help is immediately forthcoming a number of books of priceless value will have to remain unpublished through lack of funds, so contributions to the Shrine Manual Fund are invited.

We earnestly hope that these come up to expectations. It would be a pity if our immortal souls had to perish, after all, for lack of "A Synthesis of the Bhagavad-Gita" or "The Golden Verses of the Pythagoreans with commentary," two of the books mentioned on the list of Unpublished treasures.

JOHN BULL

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BAITS FOR MUGS

BARGAIN BASEMENT BONDS

Fortunes for All!

A CONCERN with the high-flown name of the British and Dominion Investment Trust, Ltd., of Regent Street, is busy just now endeavouring to persuade people to purchase shares.

Circulars have been broadcast by the Trust, offering, for instance, French Premium Bonds.

Ordinary people who are not versed in the intricacies of high finance may quite easily believe, from the impressive literature issued by the Trust, that they will miss the chance of a lifetime if they do not snap up some of the bonds at once.

Credit National 1923 are bonds which the Trust has referred to as constituting "an advantageous investment" and for which it has asked £3 10s. a-piece.

As many concerns can offer these selfsame bonds at round about £2 15s. a-piece, the advantage of dealing with the Trust is not quite apparent.

A gamble to be avoided

Another company which is actively engaged in this line of business just now, is John D. Gray, Ltd., of Queen Victoria Street, E.C.

This company was registered as recently as January last and has a nominal capital of £100, of which according to the files at Somerset House, only £2 is paid up. It offers people investments in what are termed "cover gambles," a class of business always to be avoided.

Recently it has been passing off highly speculative shares, and one of the prime movers behind its operations is a person named Frederick Speagell.

This individual is a notorious bucketeer, who has been associated with many unsound ventures in the past.

At one time he was associated with a company of "Stock and Share Dealers" known as Comyns Ltd., which took money from people for stock which they predicted would make tremendous profits within certain periods.

This company had a very unsatisfactory career.

There are many other concerns which are appealing to the investing public for funds. One is the "First British Guaranty Trust," a concern which, in spite of its impressive title, was formed as recently as July this year, and is housed in an office at Finsbury Pavement.

To its imposing title it appends the description "Registered Stock-brokers," but the fact remains that they are not members of the Stock Exchange.

The client who is warned

It has issued a pamphlet entitled "The Principles of Investment," in which it claims to have organised a system whereby any man, "no matter how ignorant he may be of the matter," can avail himself of all the knowledge and experience of the trained specialist.

We have no doubt that the

"ignorant" class of investor is the one in which the First British Guaranty Trust is interested.

It invites such people to deal with the company in "options" and "three monthly accounts."

This pamphlet is usually accompanied by a circular suggesting that such and such a share should be bought for a steady advance.

If clients do not respond to these preliminary invitations they are favoured with reply-paid telegrams repeating the recommendation—in fact, the Trust continues to follow up prospective clients in a most persistent manner.

High-flown Flapdoodle

The operations thus suggested are sheer gambles and should be avoided by all who are not prepared to lose their money.

The number of dubious firms which are doing business on the lines indicated is fast growing, and the public cannot be too cautious.

High-sounding names and glowing pamphlets which tell of "inside information" and "years of experience" should be ignored, and those who desire to dabble in stocks and shares should be content to do so through the medium of less pretentious, but established and reliable, brokers, who do not find it necessary to tout for custom.

An Attractive Lure

AURIST'S BIG CLAIMS

A Pretentious Institute

FREE consultation" is the lure held out to people with defective hearing by a gentleman named H. Wheatley, who describes himself as an "eminent physiotherapist."

Mr. Wheatley presides over the "Physiotherapy Institute," which boasts the impressive address of Wigmore Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.

There is a pleasant suggestion of exclusiveness about Mr. Wheatley's advertisements. An "entirely new" method of treatment for deafness and head noises "can only be obtained at this institute." Mr. Wheatley will be "pleased to advise," and the "strictest privacy" is assured.

A tempting offer

A gentleman who had been under treatment at a reliable ear hospital for some time, and who had been told that his case was incurable without operation, allowed himself to be swayed by the foregoing announcement and decided to take advantage of the "free consultation" offer.

After an examination, Mr. Wheatley gave the sufferer some treatment, sprayed his throat and then turned him over to an assistant.

He was then told that he must

AT this season of the year, when the provision trade is making preparations for Yuletide festivities, operations are always commenced by a number of firms which offer special prices for articles of produce, such as eggs, game and poultry.

The prices offered make special appeal to the small farmer, who naturally wishes to obtain the best prices he can get in return for his long months of toil.

But we would advise all those who have produce to dispose of to exercise the greatest caution.

One of the firms with which a number of people have lately had unsatisfactory dealings bears the impressive title of the Smithfield General Distributing Company, and was housed in Berkley Street, London, E.C.

Its name suggests that it is closely connected with one of the greatest of the world's markets. This is quite unwarranted. It was only registered in January last, and its proprietor is a man named J. L. Sanders.

The farmer fooled

A Cornish farmer named F. Siviour some time ago sent a consignment of eggs to the Smithfield General Distributing Company—in other words, Mr. Sanders.

In due course he received a cheque, which was dishonoured.

He wrote several times for his money, and finally received word to the effect that Mr. Sanders proposed turning the concern into a limited liability company and that he would then be paid.

He has not been paid, and so far no limited liability company has been formed. If there is one the officials at Somerset House know nothing of it!

But a further batch of letters written by the poor farmer for his money have been ignored, and other people are also unable to obtain their money from this concern.

We want an answer

Trade papers pertaining to the provision line of business, such as the *Poultry World* and the *Feathered World*, have also received complaints against this company.

Further, it is within our knowledge that the police have also received complaints from disillusioned clients. Are they enquiring into the matter?

The Smithfield General Distributing Company is no longer at its registered address in Berkley Street, Clerkenwell, and a number of people have also been there in the forlorn hope of getting their money.

What has Mr. Sanders to say about this strange state of affairs? What is his explanation of the fact that he has had goods and not paid for them?

If he has a legitimate excuse, why does he not come forward and make it like an honourable man?

Then there is the Western Supply Company, of William Street, London, N.W. This, too, is a new concern, registered at Somerset House under the Business Names Act as recently as June last.

Makes enquiries first

For some time complaints have been received in regard to the manner in which the company has conducted its business, and, apart from the fact that we ourselves have received complaints, clients who cannot get paid have also written to the police.

In addition to the concerns specified above, we have information of a gang of poultry plunderers who are working at present in the provinces.

They operate under various names, and as they are constantly changing their scene of action their movements are difficult to trace.

Farmers in remote parts of the country who can only live by getting a quick return for their produce often make no enquiry before sending goods in response to tempting circulars.

Our earnest advice to all such traders is to make enquiries first. No honest firms resent such enquiries before business transactions are opened, and it is only by such precautionary measures that small traders can save themselves from the clutches of those who obtain their goods and then leave them to whistle for their money.

Sufferers can rest assured that at established ear hospitals they will receive the best possible advice and treatment, without being called upon to purchase costly apparatus.

THE Electricity Bill comes before the House next session. No measure could have a greater effect on industry. Yet no Bill ever conceived was so badly framed in the public interest

Now for a Shock!

by **GEORGE HARDIE, M.P.** (*Member of the Standing Committee on the Electricity Bill*)

ON the opening of Parliament this month, the Electricity (Supply) Bill comes up for its third and final reading in the House of Commons. If it passes in its present form every taxpayer in the country will be called on to pay through the nose for an experiment that nobody understands and few believe to be practicable.

It requires no profound study to understand that the industrial prosperity of Great Britain was founded on coal.

Cheap power and transport, represented by the abundance of our coal wealth, sent us forging ahead of all other nations in the first hundred years of the industrial era from which we have just emerged. Coal gave us sea power, and sent our manufactures cheaply to the furthest corner of the world.

In the present international struggle for business supremacy, coal and its use are the chief factors in the fight. In the years of intensified competition which have followed the war, necessity has driven other nations, less richly endowed in coal than our own, to find ways to equalise the disparity.

Bewildering chaos

The production of cheap electricity is the main line of action. All over Europe, and in America, immense strides have been made in electrical development. Neither in Germany nor France, to take two of our European rivals, have electrification schemes reached a stage making them independent of coal.

In every basic industry heat is the indispensable agent and coal is still the cheapest medium.

Cheap power and transport depends upon an efficient supply of cheap electricity. In this connection we cannot claim to lead the world to-day.

Our present electricity supplies are in a state of muddle and chaos, many systems differing in character one from the other.

If we could imagine our railways each having a different width between the rails, making interchange from one system to the other impossible, we should have something approaching a parallel.

The fact that on one side of the street the price of the unit may be 4d., while on the other it is 8d., is a telling illustration of the complete anarchy in methods of production.

A mass of technicalities has confused the public, and blinded them to the tremendous significance of this proposed legislation.

Vested interests first

On the fate of the Bill, as it becomes law, may well depend the whole future of British industry. Yet, as it stands now, the national interest is a very secondary consideration.

The drafting of the Bill is about as bad as it can be, due to the fact that so many vested interests have to be propitiated. And the promoters seem to be determined to make the nation guarantee a colossal sum, without giving the people any real control in the ultimate electrification of the country.

The present proposals are based on an initial guarantee of £33,500,000, and a possible total of £250,000,000. Yet, if the Bill passes as it stands, and is carried into effect, the nation will not own a single station!

It may own a few overhead wires, but that will be about all. The taxpayer will give the guarantee in an effort to bring the business up to date, and

leave it there for the present interests to reap whatever harvest may be forthcoming, or to muddle on to a point where further assistance is necessary in the national interests.

The existing chaos in electricity is largely the result of allowing the financier and not the engineer to be in control. We look like repeating the error on a bigger scale.

Britain's fine chance

I feel keenly about this subject, and being a member of the Standing Committee on the Bill, I may realise more than most people how great is our opportunity for success, and how imminent the danger of a tragic failure.

We can do so much, and there are so many factors in our favour. To begin with, we have an immense advantage over other countries, in the comparatively small distances which have to be covered in transmitting the electrical current. And transmission, of course, is the heavy end of the expense.

Where, in lands of greater area, a hundred miles of wire may have to be laid from the generating station before the first purchaser is found, in Britain it may only be ten.

Again, our population is chiefly centred in cities giving a concentrated demand. In France, for example, the demand is scattered. Yet in France to-day almost every peasant's cottage over wide areas has cheap electric light.

An astonishing omission in this Bill on which so much depends is the complete ignoring of the railways.

Now the railways should be the first and biggest customers of a national electricity supply. Cheap power for the railways means cheap transport, and cheap transport is the lifeblood of an industrial country.

A knotty problem

In addition, with the co-operation of the railway companies, the distribution wires might coincide with the lines, finding their way into every town and village, while at the same time providing the railways with their power. And the railways are ignored!

I am not suggesting that the promoters of the Electricity Bill have an easy task. The subject bristles with difficulties. It seems simple to say: "Make a power-station here, where the population is densest, and another there; lay your wires to the factories and the houses, and the thing is done." It isn't quite.

There must be coal for the generating and water for cooling, water power not yet being practical politics.

In many areas, where it may be proposed to erect a generating-station, it will be a knotty problem as to whether one should go where there is coal or where there is water.

But these are technicalities which should be left to the engineers and not to the financiers. We are concerned with the bigger questions of principle, and I am convinced that, in spite of all the obstacles in the way, we could make a great dream come true if only we put the national need first.

We have suffered enough in the past from the throttling by contending interests in the natural development of electricity.

The gas undertakings naturally watch the progress of the Electricity Bill with more than a passive interest. They have a right to do so.

It will be bad statesmanship if we give heavy guarantees to put one industry on its legs, and in



Mr. George Hardie, M.P.

the process knock another one over into the national industrial hospital for help. If the present proposals are followed this Gilbertian situation is quite a possibility.

Not the least dangerous feature of the Electricity Bill in its present form is its complete blindness to the existence of the ever-present rings and trusts.

What must be prevented

We are asked to guarantee £33,500,000 for a start, which may afterwards expand to £250,000,000.

It is a huge sum, and it will involve the purchase of enormous quantities of material and machinery.

I can foresee that, unless ample safeguards are adopted, prices will be pushed up to such a point that the promise of cheaper power, which is the only excuse for the national development of electricity, will vanish like smoke. That is a sequel which Parliament must take firm steps to prevent.

Let us not forget that on these proposals now before Parliament depends our industrial future. There must be no tinkering and no political intrigue.

Nothing can be too drastic, for we are fighting to hold our place in the competitive markets of the world. It is a stern war, and we must not lose it by treachery at home.

The power of coal

Properly organised, we can produce electrical energy as cheaply as any other country. Coal can again be our salvation, as in the past. As a factor in producing electricity, it has still a tremendous advantage over fixed power, such as rivers and waterfalls.

And as much as coal can help electricity, electricity can help coal. There are means of treating coal in combination with the production of electricity that can put an end to infinite waste in the mining industry.

I am not talking of miracles, but of hard facts. No progress is made by trying to develop one industry in advance of another; all are interlocked.

In dealing with electricity we should at the same time keep coal, gas and other kindred trades in view, and in this way our nation can not only recover from its present ills but lead as in the past.

But the Electricity Bill in its present form will only make confusion worse confounded. It needs redrafting from beginning to end.

Candid Communications

To the Rt. Hon. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, M.P.,
Minister of Health.

SIR,—It is good to know that milk warranted free from tubercular infection is now available for expectant and nursing mothers and young children, but shocking to learn that so few local authorities are using this important safeguard of the health of the coming generation. It is a false and cruel economy which saves money at the cost of life.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. the Earl of DERBY, K.G., G.C.B.,
Derby House, Stratford Place, W.

MY LORD,—Your plea for a kindlier spirit to be shown in all elections is one after my own heart. I have always held that personalities and personal abuse and squabbles are a slur on public life and render ineffective much otherwise good service. More serious still is the fact that owing to the prevalence of this sort of thing numbers of excellent men and women will not enter the arena. Let us put away vilifying and the bad spirit that prompts it once and for all.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Lord EUSTACE PERCY, M.P.,
Minister of Education.

DEAR SIR,—It gives me satisfaction that, in spite of the expenditure involved, you recognise the need for many more secondary schools and hope to carry out a scheme of extension "in the next two or three years." There is no need for delay. The men are waiting for the work and we have the materials. It is all a question of how our money shall be spent, whether for purposes of destruction or instruction.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Lord DARLING,
Albert Hall Mansions, S.W.

MY LORD,—I heartily agree with you that Canada is a splendid country with almost unlimited resources. But I take exception to the Canadian opinion that "more Englishmen do not emigrate because of their preference for the 'dole.'" If it be true that this impression does obtain in Canada, then I can only assume that wrong impressions have been conveyed thither by irresponsible visitors.

JOHN BULL.

To Lord COZENS-HARDY,
The Hollies, Woolton, Liverpool.

MY LORD,—I am greatly tickled by your suggestion that the Chinese method of paying the doctor should be adopted in this country. Certainly the Chinks show a nice sense of humour in paying their doctors so long as they keep well and ceasing remuneration the moment they fall sick. I don't know how the National Association of Insurance Committees which you were addressing took to the notion. I think that before we laugh at the Chinese for their upside-down ideas we might look at the underlying wisdom of them.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. J. H. THOMAS, M.P.,
Unity House, London, N.W.

DEAR SIR,—It is with profound regret that I hear your opinion that a horrible bitterness, strife and ill-will are still uppermost in industrial circles. I agree that to claim that it is nobody's business to "butt in" is blind folly. The miners and owners should be ordered to get together, and if either side refuses to accept the invitation, or conducts negotiations in a vindictive spirit, they should be dealt with accordingly. The country is bleeding to death while politicians procrastinate and the patience of the people is exhausted.

JOHN BULL.

To Messrs. CADBURY BROS., Ltd.,
Bournville, Birmingham.

GENTLEMEN,—It was a lucky day for Birmingham when the founders of your firm decided to make their headquarters in the Midland metropolis. Once more the city is your debtor, for you have lately presented 150 acres of the Calthorpe Estate, at a cost of £40,000, together with a donation of £5,000 towards initial expenses, for a hospital and playing-fields. The workers in your factory are the aristocrats of labour, and were all employers as considerate as yourselves strikes would be unknown. As handled by you, wealth is indeed a blessing.

JOHN BULL.

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities

To Miss MARJORIE WESTBURY,
Burslem, Staffs.

DEAR MISS WESTBURY,—You are one of the great army of typists that help to carry on British industrial life. Nevertheless, you do not allow your other talents to rust. In your leisure hours you sedulously cultivated your charming soprano voice. Now, from the Blackpool Musical Festival you carry off first honours, winning the £150 scholarship. Good luck to you.

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. JACK HOBBS,
Surrey C.C.C.

DEAR JACK,—In a letter read at a meeting at Caxton Hall, at which it was decided to form a Surrey branch of the National Playing Fields Association, you stated that you looked forward to the day when every boy would have somewhere to play cricket other than the streets. It is the wish of every healthy lad in the land to emulate your great deeds, and since skill with a bat and ball is attainable by the poor equally with the rich, for the game's sake everybody should be given a like chance. That's only cricket!

JOHN BULL.

To Mrs. CRACKNELL,
Church Hill, Dover.

DEAR MADAM,—You are one of the fortunate few who find no personal shortage of housing. When your empty mansion in Heathfield Gardens, Chiswick, became a perfect nuisance to the neighbourhood through dereliction, the authorities protested, and you sent a small army of workmen to do it up. Then again it was closed. I suggest a better use can be made of houses than to turn them over to cobwebs and rats. Put to honest, social use it may shed around a great deal of happiness.

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. WHITWORTH,
Harrow Road, Leytonstone.

DEAR SIR,—When you found lying folded on the pavement in the busiest part of London a cheque for the enormous sum of £29,656 you instantly hurried up telephone enquiries and got it back to the owner. I need only add that this cheque was made "payable to bearer" and that it would have been perfectly possible for the finder to endorse it and make a get away with the cash to prove the worth of your action. I am glad, all the same, that your promptness is to be rewarded. It deserves it.

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. CHALMERS,
Rugby Board of Guardians.

DEAR SIR,—You think it quite possible for a man, wife and four children to exist on 24s. 6d. a week and exclaim that you "could do it easy!" Perhaps you could, if in addition you had the resources of your farm at your disposal. But for a man unfortunately compelled to live on out-relief, that and nothing else, the scale is starvation.

JOHN BULL.

Straight from the Shoulder

SIR PHILIP CUNLIFFE-LISTER:—"Our share of the external trade of the world is not as large as it might be." Nor as large as it would be if the Ministry did all it might do to encourage trade.

MR. J. R. CLYNES:—"Only those who genuinely believe in the Labour Party and accept its methods have a right to join it."

Applied as a catechism that would soon thin the ranks!

SIR SAMUEL INSTONE:—"English prosperity without coal is impossible."

The events of the last six months show that coalowners care very little about English prosperity.

MR. R. J. HOSK (Anglo-South American Bank):—"The great need is for a peace treaty in industry."

The best peace treaties are unwritten ones, rooted in understanding between employers and employed.



THE ELUSIVE CONSPIRATORS!

(In memory of Guy Fawkes the Beefeaters still search the vaults of the House of Commons before the opening of Parliament)

Without Fear or Favour—

—by the Editor

THE GREAT SUICIDE

RING DOWN THE CURTAIN

The New Optimist

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL has joined the prophets. He foresees in the England of 1970, if not exactly a nation of supermen, at least a country where science has rendered possible a very great improvement in the life and condition of the people.

Statistical tables, declares Mr. Churchill, bear on their faces the marks of social, moral and political events. And though the tables of life and death may not show the figures we wish for, both science and civilisation, if they are properly used, will bring with them compensations.

The Chancellor speaks a volume of truth. There is practically nothing, within the compass of man's management, that science cannot do to render life more and more reasonably safe and healthy, and decent and worthy.

But will it? That is the great question which should occupy men's minds and one that Mr. Churchill in his forecast of the future left severely alone.

The lessons of the Great War have not yet been fully learned. Science is still bending her energies and using up men and materials to make engines of destruction ever more horrid and more deadly.

The fatal attitude of fear still enslaves the nations. We have heard its voice uplifted in the great Imperial Conference. We catch its tones through all the disarmament conferences of the League of Nations Union. Fear, whose roots are selfishness, still thrives.

The peoples of the world have not yet decided whether they will insist that science shall help the world or whether they will allow it to destroy humanity.

Fishy!

TWENTY-TWO tons of herrings were recently sold from trawlers at Clythness for £200. The freight charges amounted to under £1 per ton.

Without going into fractions, but contenting ourselves with figures accurate enough to prove our case, the fishermen received approximately 1s. 2d. per stone, the railway rates amounted to 2d., yet when the fish reached Billingsgate Market it was disposed of wholesale at 4s. a stone.

The retail price for herrings is now about 6d. per pound—7s. a stone. Thus it comes about that fish which arrived in London at a total cost of 1s. 4d. per stone was vended to the consumer at more than five times that amount.

Unfortunately, there is no reason to suppose that the prices of other food-stuffs avoid a similar inflation before they reach the poor man's table, yet the Food Council does little but protest, even if it takes the trouble to do as much.

Why the Government puts the country to the expense of an enquiry if such barefaced robbery is to continue passes understanding. We can only suppose that their object was to draw a red herring across the consumer's path.

WRITING in "John Bull" in March of this year, Mr. A. J. Cook said: "Nobody can be more conscious than I am myself of the vast consequences of a single false step being taken either by the Government, the mineowners or the miners in dealing with the Coal Commission Report."

THE miners' cause was lost when the general strike was broken. At that point, when the miners still retained the complete sympathy of almost the entire country, their leaders, had they been real leaders, would have said: "We lost, and we accept unreservedly the Coal Commission's report in its entirety."

So strong was the sympathy of the country with the miners in those days that public opinion would have made short work of any body of men that attempted to tinker with the Report had the miners whole-heartedly accepted it.

From that date, however, began a series of false steps by Government, mineowners and miners' leaders, until the issues have become so intricately confused that public interest, let alone public sympathy, has almost disappeared.

We think, even now, if the miners were to say categorically, "We accept the Commission's Report without reservation of any kind," they would regain in a moment the sympathy that was originally theirs.

In the recent debate in the House of Commons, Mr. Stephen Walsh, speaking for the Labour Party, said: "We are empowered by the miners' leaders to say that, even now, they are prepared to negotiate with anybody possessing authority, and we appeal to the Government to constitute itself into a negotiating authority."

There is more behind that statement than appeared at the time; for we challenge the Mine-Owners Association to prove that it ever possessed authority to speak for the colliery owners of Britain.

We challenge the association to deny that it represents anything but a small minority, and an unofficial minority at that, of the colliery owners. The whole Scottish Association, for example, has never been a member of this self-styled Mine-Owners Association. A few individual members have, but the Scottish Association as a body has kept itself rather contemptuously aloof.

WE challenge the Mine-Owners Association, further, to deny that from the beginning of the trouble it made it quite clear to the Government that it would not consider any offer from the miners save abject and unconditional surrender.

We challenge it to deny that for that reason, every offer put forward by the Miners' Federation has been instantly turned down.

The remarks of Mr. Stephen Walsh were not the only extraordinary words uttered in the House of Commons. A week ago Mr. Baldwin said: "It is not for the Government to advise the contending parties how they should settle what is and must remain an industrial dispute of the first magnitude."

This is an extraordinary statement to come from a man who interfered in this dispute even before it had started, whose Government gave to the mineowners and the miners some £30,000,000 of public money to avert the outbreak of the dispute, and which has, until very recent days, alternately told the mineowners to their faces that they were stupid and discourteous and eaten its words in order to beat the miners with the mineowners' stick.

HAD the mines been taken over by the nation, as five Royal Commissions have recommended as the only possible solution, the purchase price, even at a generous estimate, would not have come within measurable distance of the colossal loss that has been occasioned by the unnecessary prolongation of the present dispute.

The Government, the mineowners and the miners' leaders have all failed in the most lamentable fashion to bring common-sense, good will and reason to bear on the case. From first to last the miners have been misled and mishandled. They have sacrificed everything at the behest of men far more stupid than they are themselves, and they stand in the end to gain nothing.

Surely it is time the miners said quite frankly to both the country and their leaders: "We will return to work on the basis of the Samuel Report."



Mr. A. J. Cook, whose passion for slogans and platform rhetoric has played into the hands of the mineowners in a lamentable fashion

"Lead Us Not—"

THE debate upon the moral perils of the streets by the National Council of Women affords food for earnest consideration.

The contention that London is becoming less moral was scouted, though an enquiry was advocated in the interests of youth.

The point we wish to stress is that the law regarding solicitation should function against the man as it does against the woman.

As Mr. Waddy, the metropolitan magistrate, has pointed out, there can be little doubt that many women convicted of solicitation were themselves first importuned.

One has only to walk the streets of an evening to come across dozens of men and boys whose sole and only object is to attach themselves promiscuously to members of the opposite sex; and the impudent manner in which these pests stare at, and even accost, passing females is a public scandal.

The professional street-walker is not the greatest danger. Her power for evil is so limited that she might well be left to the social worker and to the police.

The real peril to the country is the girl who is not so much immoral as unmoral.

While refusing to sell herself, she does not scruple to gratify the passing fancy of the moment. And the sad truth is that she so seldom regards her lapse as sinful in itself, but is concerned only to avoid the consequences of folly.

Miss Pictou-Turberville hit the nail squarely upon the head when she pointed out the absurdity and mockery of telling young girls who lived in overcrowded conditions to pray, "Lead us not into temptation."

We must strike at the root of the evil. And the root of the evil is poverty, bad housing conditions and lax supervision.



The Rt. Hon. Nevills Chamberlain, M.P., Minister of Health, whose department is the greatest bulwark against class warfare

WHEN a Greenwich labourer and his wife were accused of "exposing their five children in a manner likely to cause suffering," the magistrate remanded them on their own bail because he found that the children were clean and well-fed and the parents had done their best in what he termed difficult circumstances.

The circumstances were difficult indeed. This family had been turned out of rooms because of their children. The guardians would not take the children into the workhouse unless their parents accompanied them. Their only available refuge was a hut of corrugated iron and twigs plastered over with mud. "I am doing my best for them," said the man. "I served in the war and was a prisoner for four years in Germany. I come home and—this is what I get."

The fruit of broken promises

I am not surprised that this man spoke bitterly, for this was not at all what the men who fought in the war were promised they should get, and from end to end of the country there are men suffering like this man, thinking and uttering bitter thoughts against those who promised things they were not prepared to carry out.

There can, for instance, be no great amiability of thought displayed by the "tenants" of Councillor David Anderson, J.P., of Belfast. Arraigned before the local court for contravention of borough housing bylaws, it was said he converted into habitations a number of cow-sheds.

Three of the tenants of these hovels are ex-Service men, and it was sworn that one ex-Service man had been living, together with his wife and six children, in a single room. There was no window in the room and the bed had to be made during the day with the aid of a candle. This councillor was fined for rebuilding his contraptions without the sanction of the city surveyor. But he still continued to draw rent from these sheds.

A wicked offence condoned

Summoned again, a flaw in the date of the summons and the glaring omission in the bylaws left the stipendiary with no other alternative than to dismiss the case, although he said that "It was a criminal offence with a penalty attached to it which might be imprisonment."

I read also of a big firm which contracts for the supply of linen to a Poor Law Union. Suddenly the firm is discovered by the Board to be sending what is not linen at all but a mixture of hemp and flax. The Poor Law Board does not prosecute, as it would probably do in the case of milkmen, grocers and all other contractors. Nor does it cancel its contract. It condones the offence by paying a reduced price for the inferior fabric.

We're All Guilty

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

INSTEAD of realising that the country is already verging on a co-operative commonwealth, we all gaily help the "class war" along. There is not a man or woman who does not share in the responsibility

In the face of instances like these is it any wonder that there is a large body of opinion throughout the British Isles which believes in the prosecution of what it terms the class war?

If anyone doubts that society is rapidly being arranged into two groups of warring classes, he has only to consider what is happening during the present coal stoppage. In every case where the Labour Party has a majority on boards of guardians relief to the miners' families is being given on the most generous possible scale. Wherever Labour is weak on a board of guardians such relief is being cut down to the very minimum.

The same sort of thing is happening on town councils. Wherever Labour is strong there is every reluctance displayed to the buying of foreign coal or to the running of the municipal trams for the miners who have returned to work. Wherever Labour is in a hopeless minority every opportunity of doing these things is welcomed.

The dangerous fiction

Moreover, the sceptic as to the existence of the class war has only to consider what has happened during the recent municipal elections, what happened at the last General Election and what will most certainly happen at the next.

Every appeal from every platform and hoarding is made on a class basis. Labour damns the "Capitalist" as a class, and the Conservative damns the Labour Party as a class, while all political Parties unite in continuing the fiction that there exists a "class" of men and women which they complacently call the "working class," thereby inferring, whether they mean it or not, that apart from this restricted group of human beings no one else does any work, and inviting the so-called working class to retort with the plausibly justifiable but equally stupid retort of "parasites."

The truth of the matter is that everyone, from the Prime Minister of England down to the meanest citizen, is responsible for allowing the class war to grow in intensity, simply because we

all persistently refuse to face facts and because we refuse to do a little real thinking in order to discover which are the things that matter and which are the things that do not matter.

There was, of course, a time in the history of this country when it was perfectly simple to divide up the population into those who worked and those who did not work, when the "working class" meant those who laboured for a mere pittance and were little better than slaves.

A Utopian England

But things have altered since then, and the only reason that there exists anything that one could call a class war is that there is a strange disinclination to recognise that the more complex society becomes the more everybody is called upon to pull his weight, and, whether he works with hand or brain, with hammer or pen, he is an essential unit in the vast machine, and neither labourer nor financier has any real precedence.

If we would only realise this we should understand that we could not afford to let the Greenwich labourer live in a mud hut. We should regard a councillor who houses a man and his wife and six children in an unlit cow-shed as a criminal to be abhorred equally with the murderer, and we should see to it that commercial dishonesty of the type I have already mentioned meant the outlawing from society of the guilty firm.

A national concentration on the provision of adequate housing, adequate clothing, adequate feeding and adequate educational facilities for every child would do more to bring about a Utopian England in a generation than all the agitation of social reformers would accomplish in a century.

It is the denial of equal opportunity to the nation's children irrespective of their birth, the handicapping of one section of our children while another section is started in life with every possible advantage, that, inside twenty years, renders useless all the endeavours of statesmen to improve their country.

The people ask to be dealt with as grown-ups. They justly resent being treated by the Government as "kids"

I DO not think that any observer who is in touch with the people, and who is of the people, can escape the conclusion that the irritation caused by the restrictions on the liberty of the subject is one of the causes, and a not insignificant one, of unrest.



Mr. Arnold F. Holt

There is not merely the sense of injustice caused by the belief that only the workers and their class are affected or are aimed at, but one continually hears the indignant declaration, variously and sometimes picturesquely worded, "The Government treats us like blessed kids."

People are more and more insistently asserting their right to be treated as responsible human beings instead of as children, incapable of judging for themselves what is good for them.

It is no longer enough to tell the people that they must or must not do something or other.

They want to know why, and if no adequate reason is forthcoming the impulse is to kick.

When the Government imposed certain restrictions during the war they were almost cheerfully accepted because it was generally understood that the restrictions were necessary for the intensification of our war effort.

The war is over and—technically speaking—won, and young men and women, as well as hundreds of thousands of older folk, want to know why restrictions imposed for war purposes should be continued through the days of peace.

They resent the prohibition of the sale of cigarettes, tobacco, etc., during the greater part of their free evening hours. They resent the prohibition of the sale of intoxicants in their clubs and "pubs" for sixteen hours out of twenty-four.

It does not follow that the majority of them would normally desire to drink during what are now prohibited hours. It is the prohibition that incenses them, and their resentment leads many of them to attempt to procure drink in the hours during which its sale is illegal.

There is also the prohibition, imposed by the dead hand of an earlier king, in most towns and

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The Sleeping Giant

by A. G. GARDINER

IN industrial matters Britain lags behind. Electricity is a real factor, as is shown in our columns to-day. Divergency of outlook there may be, but electrical power will emphatically be the deciding issue. Britain must wake up!

IT is a long time since the King, then Prince of Wales, returning from a survey of the outside world and its activities, summed up his experience in the exclamation, "Wake up, England!" It caused a flutter at the time, and we all agreed that if we were asleep—a fact of which we were unaware—it was certainly necessary to wake up.

That warning cry is more urgent to-day than when the Prince sounded it. It is more urgent because the fruits of our sluggishness are becoming apparent in lost ground, lost opportunities, the encroachments of external competition.

Take, as a starting-point, that speech of Mr. Bruce at the Imperial Conference, in which he told how America had captured the motor trade in Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa.

Those three dominions, all preferring to trade with this country rather than America, imported £18,000,000 worth of motor-cars, and of that vast total only one-tenth came from England. The United States has practically "scooped the pool."

There is no mystery about this fact. It is not because there is a conspiracy against us. It is not because we have not the material, the craftsmanship, the experience. It is that we have not the enterprise, the imagination, the business flair of the Americans. They have captured the motor industry in the British dominions for one simple reason. *They give the people the car they need; we offer them the car we need.*

Getting away with it

The result is that, in their own slang, they have "got away with it," and the best we can do is to adopt their methods and try to overtake them.

This swiftness of the Americans in getting away from the mark, this rapid adaptability of trade to conditions, meets us at every point. If Lincoln is depressed and unemployed it is because the same facts apply. Not long ago Lincoln had a world empire in the manufacture of agricultural machinery. That empire is now lost.

Here, again, America has swept the board by her astonishing receptivity to new ideas, new demands; her readiness to scrap her machinery and her models and make a fresh start on new lines.

The different attitude of labour in America from that of labour in England is, no doubt, another factor. I will deal with that later. At the moment I am concerned with our lack of enterprise at the top.

Or turn to a matter which has been brought home to us bitterly in these days. We are so busily engaged in committing national suicide that, though Nature has given us the finest coal seams in the world, we are starving for coal. We have to turn to oil to warm our rooms, and there has been a stampede for oil-stoves.

National suicide

Where do they come from? America. Is it not a national humiliation that this great industrial people has permitted a trade of this elementary kind to pass so completely out of its hands that, not only does it not export, but it cannot supply even its own domestic demands.

And so with regard to that enormous film industry which we have allowed to become a monopoly of the United States. Whenever there is a new field to exploit the Americans exploit it; whenever there is an old field to be captured by more adroit methods they capture it.

There is no point in being angry with the Americans for doing what we should do if we had the sense to do it. We ought to be grateful to them for shouting, "Wake up, England!"

I do not suggest that the disease is all at the top. It is there, but it is not only there. We are clogged with antiquated systems, strangled by vested interests, broken by ceaseless industrial war.

Take the case of electricity. It is fifty years since the vast potentialities of that instrument became apparent. In the interval the world has left us standing still in its development.

Not because Nature has not been good to us.



Rt. Hon. S. M. Bruce, Prime Minister of Australia, whose outspoken remarks concerning British trade are worthy of attention

Nature has given us the sources of that power more abundantly than any other country. We have been outstripped in the race owing to our parochial competitions, our vested interests, our lack of bold and imaginative statesmanship.

Instead of having the cheapest electricity we have very nearly the dearest, and the result is reflected in the cost of production of every trade which depends upon cheap power for its prosperity.

A fatal handicap

The story of London electricity is a thing to make one laugh—or weep. Compared with Paris it is a scandal; compared with Chicago it sounds like the Stone Age.

London power stations use 3½ lb. of coal to produce a unit of electricity; American power stations use 1½ lb. to produce a unit. What chance has the industry of poor London to thrive?

And now, when after thirty years of struggle with the vested interests, the Government is at last pushing through an Electricity Bill to lift this load off the back of industry we see all the selfish interests mobilised once more to defeat the belated attempt to give industry cheap power.

This is only one illustration of how our trade is being throttled by the sacrifice of the public interest to private and parochial considerations.

And over and above all this there is that other vast handicap to us in the race created by the desolating war that goes on ceaselessly in the industrial world. I am not here concerned with the responsibility for that war. I am only dealing with its consequences.

How is it possible for us to compete successfully with America, or indeed with anybody else, when trade is being shattered between the hammer of Labour and the anvil of Capital?

Wake up or perish!

We are not engaged in promoting industry. We are engaged in killing industry. Everyone knows that one of the chief causes of America's pre-eminence is the fact that Labour is working with the machine instead of against it, as here.

High wages and high production go hand in hand, and out of that co-operation of Labour and Capital emerges the victory of American trade and the defeat of our own.

Who can measure the ruin that this summer has wrought? Who can doubt that unless we can get a truce we are doomed? We still have all the essentials of success: natural resources, the machinery of world marketing, the commercial dominion of the sea, the most competent labour.

Give us five years' truce to our civil war, five years in which to work and modernise the instrument of trade and we have nothing to fear. But England must wake up or England will perish.

Naughty Boys

by ARNOLD F. HOLT

cities, of Sunday night concerts or other entertainments, with the result that when the nights draw in youngsters have no counter-attraction to the dangerous excitement of the "picking-up" parade, and their elders no more entertaining alternative to their own homes (themselves often unattractive enough) than that offered by the alcoholised atmosphere of the "pubs."

THERE is the prohibition (so far as the workers are concerned) of Sunday games, so that the one full day of freedom from labour is the dreariest day of the worker's week.

The workers know that their "superiors" play golf and tennis and billiards on Sundays. When they ask for the opening of, say, the public bowling-greens or tennis-lawns on that day their requests are turned down.

A growing number of the workers regard the shutting up of all shops at a fixed hour as directly opposed to public convenience and a contemptuous flouting of public opinion. They point out that the professed object of the early closing movement was not to restrict the sale of goods, but to restrict the working hours of the shop-assistants.

If (so they argue) the Government was concerned merely about the long hours of shop-

assistants, why didn't it content itself with limiting the working hours of shop-assistants, and leave the employers to make their own arrangements as to the opening and the closing of the shops? More class legislation! Closed shops only inflict hardship on the workers. That is the usual answer.

And it is true that closed shops do sometimes mean actual hardship to some of the poorer class of workers. There are thousands of people who have not got the money for their shopping before the legal closing hour. The law penalises them for their poverty by making it an offence for a shopkeeper to supply them with the goods they need.

I HAVE been trying to get at the causes of unrest. In this article I have simply set down my view of one cause. I am not suggesting that any of the things mentioned are really big things, but it is usually the little things of life that try the temper most.

Arbitrary prohibitions and foolish prosecutions create irritation, resentment, and contempt of the law, and while it is easy to see from what small beginning contempt for the law may rise it is not so easy to forecast the big things to which contempt of the law may lead.



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STARTLING CRIME FACTORY DISCLOSURES

Round Up the Fagins!

A NEW kind of Fagin, who, in one shape or another, has always been with us, has developed in the new school of crime that has come into being since the war.

The other day a high official at Scotland Yard declared that his department was making special efforts to train experts to cope with the brainy criminal, the man who pits craft and intelligence against society, instead of brute force and courage.

The motto of the modern crook is, "Don't do it yourself; get somebody else to do it." And some of these crooks—the most dangerous and despicable—are specialising on a line of their own, "Get the kiddies to do it."

The crooks' training-grounds

These fellows rarely come before the courts. Some time ago a man named Michael Williams, described by Detective-Sergeant Raynor as "a trainer of juvenile criminals," came before the London Sessions.

He had been released from jail to join the Army during the war, had a bad record there, and returned to crime on resuming civil life. He was sentenced to twenty-one months' imprisonment.

But for one like this who is caught, there are a dozen modern Fagins in the background. Where do they find the raw material to train?

The answer, apparently so difficult, is easy for the crook. He sends a couple of boys to the police court, where they take the names and addresses of boys who have been put on probation for petty thefts.

The decoy-boys make the acquaintance of the lads who have made their first slip, and, being liberally supplied with pocket-money, soon bring them to the schools.

Nor are these schools remotely like the dungeons of the old régime of evil-doers. They are sometimes in the open air. One meets constantly outside the historic gate of the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

But generally they are little gatherings in sweet-shops, kept by Italians, and frequented by idle boys and idle girls.

Nor are the boys taught such old-fashioned and clumsy crimes as pocket-picking. The crook flies at higher game.

Aiding the "bookie"

Shady bookmakers sometimes make use of their services. A Manchester business man opened an account with a bookmaker, and won or lost small amounts up to £50 or so for some weeks. He had a pseudonym by which he signed his telegrams.

One week he backed a winning double and stood to draw £300. The bookmaker consulted the crook, an old ally. The crook sent a boy to Manchester, who walked bare-headed—the assumption being that he had just come from a near-by

office—into the local post-office and sent a telegram signed with the pseudonym, backing a hopeless horse for £200.

The horse lost: the bookmaker refused to pay the genuine winnings, declaring, with an air of injured innocence, that people constantly



Mr. C. Burt, the L.C.C. psychologist lent their pseudonyms to friends and then repudiated them.

The crook's speciality is getting jobs for boys where they can pilfer safely. One lad was got into a big tobacco-factory. He worked admirably for months, until one day he was left in charge of a van containing packages of cigarettes. The van disappeared and was afterwards found empty and abandoned.

The crook persuaded two or three barbers in various suburbs to start a cigarette trade. In this way he disposed of the booty at practically ordinary trade prices.

The bad boys' brigade

Another boy got a job as a page-boy in a West End hotel. The hotel was subsequently burgled and shortly after the boy left of his own accord. He had told his brother enough to arouse suspicion and he was promptly sent away to a relative in Scotland.

Many City firms have been complaining recently of pilfering. There is no doubt that dishonest boys are decoyed into relations with the crook's boys' brigade, who follow them from place to place till they can get a chance to lift something from the firm's vans.

With intelligent boys, begging is easily taught by the crook. But it is not the old-fashioned style of mendicancy. It is a combination of that and the confidence trick.

The boy, poorly but neatly dressed,

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is pointed out a victim by the crook. He at once goes up to him and says, "Excuse me, sir, aren't you Sir John Martin-Harvey, or Sir Harry Lauder?" or anybody else the crook suggests.

The victim, generally a provincial, is usually flattered and enters into conversation. The tale varies. It is sometimes that the boy's father, who used to be one of the stage hands at Sir John's theatre or one of the waiters at Sir Harry's club, is ill in hospital.

The pitiful tale

The story, sympathetically dragged from the reluctant boy, gradually comes out. No food in the home, a little sister sick, all the cunning of the old crook transmuted into the trembling voice and tear-filled eyes of the innocent and tortured lad.

Very often the flattered victim parts with a few shillings, sometimes a note.

Nor is it only amongst the waifs and strays of the police court that the crook finds his protégés.

At Matlock some time ago it was discovered that thirteen schoolboys, all of respectable parentage and coming from good homes, had carried out a whole series of larcenies, selling the plunder to a boy of sixteen, who resold it at a profit to a master-crook.

Sometimes the boy-crook makes good. A Hull boy, employed in a shop, stole £40. He bought a horse and cart, started a greengrocer's business, did so well that he afterwards employed his own father and repaid the money.

But the others. They drift into permanent criminal ways and are not allowed to break from them. They have learned how to get "easy money" and the lesson is fatal.

Mr. Cyril Burt, who gained wide experience as the London County Council psychologist, declares that in children, especially backward children, stealing is the acquisitive instinct, picking up things like a jackdaw. A good caning often cures that.

A despicable game

But what are we to say of a man like one described by Mr. Clarke-Hall, the widely known magistrate, in a case that came before him at Old Street?

The man, who kept a sweet-shop, asked some boys if they would like to earn sixpence by taking certain articles off a van and bringing them to him.

Ruffians like this must be punished, not for the value of the goods stolen, but for the dreadful moral risk to their child victims.

What is really wanted is to strengthen the hands of the probation officers, and in all cases of pilfering to watch the child thief, see where he goes and who are his associates.

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OUR contributor, with expert knowledge, points out plainly the terrible dangers resulting from slum dwellings. The facts are known to the authorities. Why do they fail to take action to stamp out this national peril?

DEATH PESTS: Grave Warning!

By A. MOORE HOGARTH, F.E.S. (Founder and Hon. Director, College of Pestology)

I HAVE often wondered what effect a film reproducing the seething infamies of slums as they actually are would have on the public, or if it would ever be allowed to reach the public?

It is fairly easy to be concerned after reading a medical officer's report that "in some slum tenements the amusement of the children consisted of watching insects crawl up the walls," but it is doubtful if a film depicting the torture of innocent kiddies during the process of their being inoculated with the virus of premature death, and, subsequently, in their misery on their being disinfected at a cleansing-station, could easily be dismissed from any normal imagination.

As a matter of common knowledge, most people find an excuse for doing nothing in the self-comforting assurance that after all little can be done until more houses are built.

A terrible It is

This being the state of affairs, I do not propose to deal with the slums question from the standpoint of the heart; instead, I want to emphasise that the slum question is a subject for the hard-faced business man.

I propose to wipe out all appeal to the emotional, and all appeals to anything except the instinct of self-preservation and financial advantage, and to show that slums are an intolerable financial burden on the nation, and that we actually, in our blind idiocy, manufacture charges on the community.

To illustrate this we might start with the known fact that in one London borough registered tuberculosis cases number over 5,000.

Now, no one in his senses would, for one moment, imagine that this block of diseased humans is an asset, and yet we have to realise that this is only one disease and only one borough, so that if we multiply this known fact by diseases and boroughs throughout the country, we get an appalling charge laid on those who are effective units in making our British everyday world.

Cauldrons of dis-ease

Our next step is to envisage the homes of those afflicted people, and I do not think it will be denied that the greater preponderance will be seen to emerge from slum areas, and in slum areas it is definitely a fact that these unfortunate human cauldrons of disease are never in their slum alone, for they share these hotbeds of unrest and misery with poisonous insects and babies.

Moreover, there is no doubt that such slum-dwellers as bugs, fleas and lice are not merely replete in their insides with the germs of disease and death, but oftentimes these fragments of living horror carry, in addition, sickness and even agony on their filthy feet and bodies.

Their evil propensities do not end in the biting and inoculation of their immediate human neighbours, but they carry typhoid, dysentery, diphtheria and other terrifying ailments to other classes of the community.

With our modern civilisation, it is quite impossible to confine the horrors of the slums to their immediate environment. Slum-dwellers, unless



Mr. A. Moore Hogarth, F.E.S.

they are absolutely a charge on the community, endeavour in their various life histories to provide, in some measure, for themselves and those they love.

Thus it is that they move from place to place, and, incidentally, scatter in public vehicles, parks, cinemas and the like the germ-laden insects whose living host they are.

A revolting prospect

It is not difficult to realise, therefore, that the complement of the life-story of these living germ-carriers interlocks with the life-story of more "respectable" citizens, and even those of aristocratic birth, for it is certain that the revolting fragments of life hostile to man find their way into most undreamt-of places.

This is a proven fact, and the number of cases which have come within my personal knowledge are actually increasing.

Surely it is time that someone called a halt to the lunacy which allows the multiplication by a million of the cases where one flea converts a wage-earner, and an asset to the nation, into an invalid and a charge on the nation.

The intermediary stage, where definitely traceable disease is not so apparent, still further constitutes a financial charge on the community, as exemplified in the case of another

What will happen on Guy Fawkes' Day?

Why, the "John Bull" Xmas Annual will be out. It will go with a bang! Don't miss it—Ed.

London borough, where children, sent to school on a Monday morning, were found to be, in the language of one of the children, "dopey," and the cause was afterwards ascertained to be the inability to sleep through insect attentions.

Shock at the somnolent

I should despair of ever being able to shake comfortable folk from their complacency were it not for the fact that occasionally we get a glimpse of the truth to enlighten the blackness of our mental styx in this regard.

When some searcher after truth, like Dr. Sambon, raises the suggestion delicately that cockroaches might be responsible for the causation of cancer, the insinuation does cause a momentary disquiet among those comfortable mandarins whose place should be to nod on some prehistoric shelf.

The purpose of this article would not be complete without some indication as to how to meet the hidden terror.

Obviously it is of no use to sit down and await the erection of houses; building must, of course, be speeded up, but, first and foremost, some Act of Parliament must be passed or something done to make vermin a notifiable disease, which it is.

The conscience of the public, both from the point of view of humanitarianism and from the sordid standpoint of financial loss, must be awakened, and just as we have now, largely owing to my laughed-at effort in 1908, a national rat week, so we might with advantage have a national fumigation week, when, in my opinion, at least 2,000 tons of sulphur could be advantageously burned throughout the country.

A grave warning

As in the war we had our expert gas corps, so this immense problem of peace might, in some measure, be met by an expert gas corps of a similar character.

Local slum councils could be constituted in every town, where the most expert advice possible could be obtained. These councils could be linked up to some central authority, where the life-history of all household pests should be thoroughly studied, and measures evolved for their destruction, and a link-up sought with the educational authorities.

By this means every child who attended a national school should be given the chapter and verse of reasons why the insect enemies of man, likely to be found in their homes, should be destroyed without compunction.

I am aware that the problem is one of complexity, but I say unhesitatingly that our modern civilisation imperatively demands that the problem be grappled with, and indeed warns us that if it is not so grappled with, we shall have to pay a fabulous price for our neglect.

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by PHILIP INMAN

THE WATCHER AT THE DOOR

THE other day in my postbag was a letter from a reader of this paper which made a lump rise in my throat.

It came from a woman, a mother, and in it she described some of the things which make up her life.

In service amongst the distressed she spends a good deal of her spare time, and reading between the lines I think I can trace the source of the secret of her wonderful sympathy with those in misfortune.

She herself has known something of the burden of life's heavy load. "My only little girl," she says, "has spent most of her already short life within the walls of a big hospital."

I know full well just what that has meant to the heart of that mother. I can easily fill in the gaps which she has left out.

No child remains in an institution for years without there is something seriously amiss, and no mother can watch and wait for so long without enduring a real Gethsemane of anguish.

My correspondent goes on to tell me that she has been so often to that hospital that blindfolded she could walk along its maze of corridors. It has become part and parcel of her very existence until she thinks of it by day and dreams of it by night.

Every visiting day, year in and year out, found her engaged on the same errand.

She would reach that great gaunt building and make her way to the reception-room. There she would wait for the summons to call her upstairs to her child.

The reward of patience

Never once did she enter that room without seeing an elderly man sitting there, and as time went on he would rise up and greet her as she entered with a happy smile.

Then one day a wonderful surprise was in store for her. She was waiting for the usual signal when into that room came the great doctor who had been caring for her little girl. And a moment later, accom-

panied by a nurse, the child herself was brought in.

The surgeon, in a voice sufficiently loud so that everybody could hear, said, "I am reasonably proud of my long labour of six years on this child, and I look upon her as a marvel of modern surgery."

Then, turning to the mother, he went on, "I am as proud and happy to give her back to you to-day, completely cured, as you are to receive her."

The mother looked at the doctor and tried to speak her thanks, but no words would come.

Her heart was full to overflowing, but in her eyes shone a great thankfulness, and the surgeon went on his way satisfied.

The reason for gratitude

A few minutes later the old man with the happy smile came across to offer his congratulations. "What's been the matter with your bairn?" he enquired.

It was a long list of infirmities which had to be narrated. I will not catalogue them here; suffice it to say that that child had

An S.O.S. to Nora Maley

FOUR months ago Nora Maley, a girl of nineteen, forsook her parental roof at Oldham, and cast herself adrift from the moorings of a good home. She took this step because her parents expressed disapproval of an association she had formed.

Early in July this girl was seen in Blackpool, but from then until now no trace of her whereabouts has been discovered.

Mr. Philip Inman has received a heartrending appeal from her parents. "We feel sure," they say, "that she would come home if she knows that we would forgive her. We will thankfully take her back if only she will return to us."

Nora Maley, your father and your mother are calling for you. Wherever you are, do not let their cry be heard in vain.



Philip Inman

had to undergo no fewer than six serious operations.

When she had finished her story, she enquired from the man the nature of his trouble. For a moment he was silent, and then he laid his hand on that woman's shoulder, and this is what he said:

"Lass, I come here every Wednesday because I am a lonely old man, and as I sit here, I watch the lame, the halt and the blind brought in."

"After I have gazed upon some of these tragic sights I get up and go home to my empty fireside, and on my bended knees I thank God that if He has taken away all my loved ones, He has left me my faculties and my reason."

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"Then with this week's mental tonic, I plod along until the next Wednesday, when I come again to have my 'bottle of medicine' refilled."

My correspondent concludes her letter by saying, "I felt that this incident was too beautiful to lay hidden in my heart." I am sure that my readers will agree with her.

The Sentence of the Court

A RED-HOT SCOT

Hot Air from the Clyde

IN an accent redolent of red flags and purple heather, David Kirkwood, M.P., strenuously protested against being tried by a Sassenach court when charged with an offence under the Rant Restriction Act.

"As a Clydeside representative," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "the accused, I presume, enjoys a certain latitude in speech such as was once accorded Irish Nationalists."

"But even a wild and woolly man from the North must realise that there are limits to the toleration automatically extended to a Playboy of the Gaelic World, and words which in plain English would constitute an incitement to violence and advocacy of sabotage do not become innocuous merely through being spoken with a Scotch accent."

"In a debate on the Emergency Regulations, the accused referred to the well-meaning, if somewhat futile, Mr. Baldwin as the 'head of a ferocious Government preying on the flesh and blood of the people,' and announced that he (Kirkwood) was going round telling the miners 'to blow the mines to bags of rags rather than yield.'"

"Carried along on the flood of his verbosity, he declared his readiness to help the miners to flood and destroy the mines, and, ending on a note like unto the death agony of a pibroch, threatened Scotland that he would do his best to 'burst the country' if it let him down."

"The House," concluded counsel, "has put up with a good deal of sound and fury from Kirkwood since it appreciates that hollow vessels make most noise, but when prisoner indulges in language like this at a time like the present he is trespassing too far on his position as a privileged jester."

Mr. Strawsplitter suggested that both the shamrock and the thistle when transplanted to the unromantic soil of Westminster developed somewhat startling characteristics. His client's language was intended primarily for consumption on the bonnie banks o' Clyde. Mr. Kirkwood liked to pose as a Caledonian stern and wild, but really he was a sheep in wolf's clothing.

"The prisoner," said Mr. Justice

Bull, "may, as his counsel seems to suggest, have the brains of a sheep, but he need not emit the brays of an ass. I cannot accept the plea that what, coming from a Thameside member, would be rank blasphemy is but a choleric word in the mouth of a Clydeside ditto."

"A large measure of good-humoured toleration is extended to the prisoner when he is warbling his native (Kirk)wood-notes wild, but sorely tried miners, accustomed to accepting words at their face value, might easily be spurred to desperate deeds by the diatribes of this haggis harlequin."

"I do not know if the prisoner, when he talks of flooding the mines, seriously imagines that it is possible to reform industrial conditions by deforming industry, but anybody who holds this view must have a mind as disordered as his speech."

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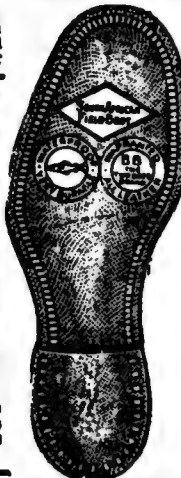
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Words Winged to Women

THE CRUEL STREAK

by MABEL HORNER

THERE is an international movement afoot to obtain from the League of Nations intervention in the cause of kindness to animals. A number of resolutions have been drawn up, and these include methods of alleviating the sufferings of animals useful to man, suppression of cruel and barbaric sports, and humanity, so far as may be, in the slaughter-house.

It is well to remember this. It reminds us that as life becomes more complicated and difficult, the kinder feelings are still kept alive, and are even deemed worthy of international action taken by many countries united in the desire for greater humanity in man's dealings with his humbler helpmeets.

These things cannot be left to chance. Week by week readers of JOHN BULL pour into this office innumerable letters proving that up to the hilt. They abominate cruelty: they rely on JOHN BULL taking a lead in putting it down.

Cases of cruelty to children come in, most difficult of all to understand. Here before me lie details of one, James Rider of Stainforth, who took a belt studded with copper rivets and thrashed his three-years-old son until the baby was covered with great sores.

Six weeks' imprisonment was the punishment judged fitting by the local Bench for this most dreadful crime. We can only hope the conscience of the man, when he realises the brutality of his deed, will give him more.

Horrible cruelty

Equally puzzling are many of the cases of evil done to animals. It is not long since the whole country was staggered by the story of little boys of tender years at Leeds, who on a Sunday got into a local slaughter-house and with knives most horribly mutilated animals waiting for the butchers.

THE whole progress of the human race may be described as a substitution of justice and mercy for injustice and cruelty. Civilisation may be judged by its standards of kindness and how far these have replaced the ethics of the jungle.

At Swansea, says another correspondent, a butcher was fined for furiously driving and most dreadfully ill-treating a high-spirited young horse, the chairman of the magistrates before whom he was brought describing it as "the worst case he had ever heard."

But there are others, and there are even worse. Some I will not harrow my readers' feelings by quoting. I prefer to note the indignation and distress, the real anxiety to put down this evil, that all who write on the subject show.

Especially are parents in distress when they come across a streak of cruelty in their own children. How are they to combat it? Why are children cruel?

The real culprits

The question can be answered in a word. Cruelty comes from thoughtlessness. Those little boys at Leeds when brought before a puzzled magistrate betrayed no particular abnormality in their mental make-up. They had been dulled by familiarity.

Those whose daily work was in that slaughter-house had allowed the children to watch. The children's degradation lies at the door of those who are older and should know better. The little boys knew nothing whatever of friendship with animals. They had not been taught the wonders of the animal world.

And at present we have no law compelling those in charge to keep children out of slaughter-houses. In the interests of the children such a law must be passed, and who, more than women, are more suitable to see it done?

It is a hard saying, but nevertheless true, that for every man fined for cruelty, there are two guilty parents somewhere in the background of his life. When children are arraigned before a magistrate for cruelty it is their parents who should stand there in their stead.



H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Patron of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Humanity is a paying business. That knowledge we have bought by experience. Only by practising humanity can we live together safely in communities. Humanity cares for the sick, shelters the old and weak and enables the little children to survive. The dumb creation that has served us so well and truly must share in man's upward progress.

Traitors to progress

The cruel, whether they practise their cruelties on their own kind or on the dumb creation, are traitors to progress and the race.

The indignation of the cruelty-haters is well founded, but they must expend it on the right object. It is all a matter of training.

Children brought up to live in love and harmony with their own elders and the dumb animals cannot grow up to be cruel. Their humanity will forbid, for it has grown up with them, woven in the very web and warp of their being.

Votes for Brides

by DAME MILLICENT FAWCETT, O.B.E., LL.D.

I AM sometimes asked if I want the vote for women on the same terms on which it is granted to men. As this is what I have been working for these sixty years I reply, "Of course I do."

It becomes a little tiresome to be asked the same question so often; this, however, is what everyone has to put up with who takes up unpopular political work.

But now, more than ever, as it seems to me, we want the help of the younger women. It was youth that won the war; the young manhood and young womanhood of this country threw themselves with self-forgetting ardour into the tremendous work that opened before them in 1914.

THE franchise law which existed in this country before 1918 was based on household suffrage and only those men could claim a vote who could show that they had occupied the qualifying premises for a clear twelve months previous to the last July 15.

Therefore, at the end of the war, large numbers of the men who had won it for us would have found themselves voteless, whilst the shirker and the physically unfit remained on the register of voters. Consequently a Reform Bill was an absolute necessity.

It was quite clear that the electoral law must be altered, and none were more insistent than the men who had lived through all the horrors of the war that women must also become voters.

WHEN anti-suffrage M.P.s wrote to colleagues who had joined in the war begging them to come back and strengthen the opposition to votes for women they received replies which astonished them; for the answer very frequently was that if these repentant "antis" came back at all it would be to support, not to oppose, the women's vote.

A similar feeling was also manifested in the armies sent from our British Overseas Dominions. In Canada women's suffrage and women's eligibility had been granted a little in advance of our victory here.

A General Election was held and under Canadian law the election for the Province of Alberta was practically in the hands of 85,000 soldiers and seventy-five army nurses who had been serving in France. There were twenty men candidates and one woman, Miss R. C. MacAdams.

Miss MacAdams was elected obviously on the soldiers' vote, a conclusive proof that face to face with the horrors and devastation of war men did not cling to this silly anti-woman craze which seems

to flourish most when frivolity and foolishness get the upper hand in any society.

When our organisers have been taking part as canvassers in a contested election, they have frequently come across young married women with three or four children who under the present law are voteless.

They have often remarked that if they are fit to bring up their sons and daughters they were also fit to have a vote.

Let me give another illustration of the absurdities of the present law.

MRS. BARBARA WOOTTON, a distinguished student of Girton, Cambridge, now Principal of Morley College, was in 1924 placed by the Government on an important commission, the duty of which was to enquire into the National Debt and the effects of the present taxation upon the industries of the country.

Mrs. Wootton was under thirty at the time, and was it not an absurdity to put her on a Commission to advise the Government on an important financial problem and yet virtually to proclaim that she was not capable of giving an intelligent vote in a Parliamentary election?

It is not a good thing in any country to maintain a law which is flagrantly at variance with common-sense and justice.



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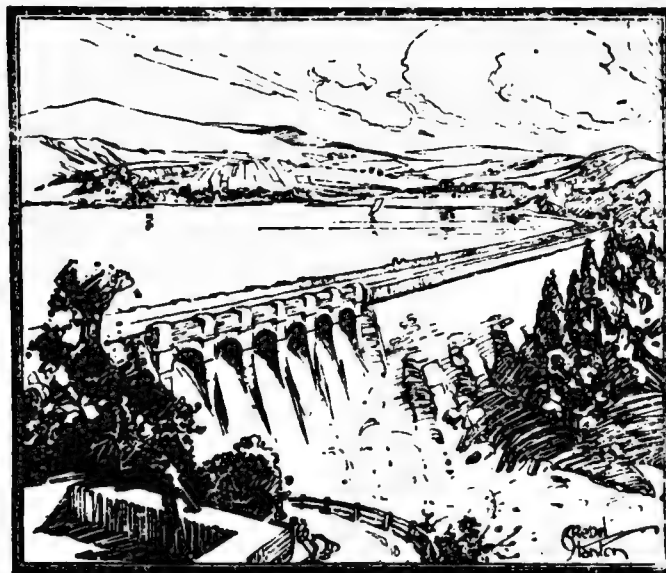
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Human Documents

When Mother Turns "Red"

Meekness or Weakness?—Shattered Confidence—Spoken in Haste

FOR the past twelve months I have been experiencing considerable anxiety over the behaviour of my wife. As regards her morals, she is as straight as the proverbial die, but she has taken up politics and she has turned as red hot a Communist as it is possible for anyone to be.

"A climax came the other night when my baby, who is only seven years of age, started telling me about her little school songs which she is learning, amongst them being Rule, Britannia. Naturally, the child said to me, 'What does "Rule, Britannia" mean, daddy?'"

"Before I could explain it to her, my wife roughly scolded her for asking the question and instructed her to tell her school teacher that she was not to be taught any of those so-called patriotic songs, as the Union Jack was the flag of oppression."

"I have since gathered from the child that my wife had previously told her that she is always to ignore the Union Jack and salute the red flag as the symbol of liberty and prosperity."

"I tried to reason with my wife and suggested that it was wrong of her to attempt to teach a child of such tender years the doctrines that she apparently holds. What did I get for my pains? Nothing but abuse!"

"My wife called me practically everything but a Christian and informed me that she will only put up with me for about two years more and then the child will be able to understand what a dirty, rotten Tory her father is."

"NOW, my wife threatens to pack up all her personal belongings, take the child with her and go right away out of my life. She says that I am to have absolutely no say in the matter at all as to how my own child is to be brought up. "Can you tell me exactly how I stand in this matter? I do not care to say very much about it to my wife as the subject at once makes her quarrelsome, and I prefer peace and quietness when I get home after a hard day's work."

"HUMANIST" says: Whatever a woman's politics, red or blue, there is something else seriously wrong when they lead to such discord in the home. You are, of course, the legal custodian of your child and your wife cannot leave you and take the little one out of your control as she suggests. So-called patriotic songs and fingolism are but poor weapons with which to fight Communism, and so long as the red flag remains as it is, the symbol of godless politics and godless domesticity, you are most decidedly entitled to take all possible steps to safeguard the growing mentality of your child.

THIS is a true story of life that concerns a mother, father and two grown-up sons. The father, who is a good craftsman, but seldom works, has been idle now for over six years. He is a drunkard of the meanest type, and pawns everything he can lay hands on to gratify his appetite.

"He has developed a contempt for the law, no doubt largely owing to the fact that his long-suffering wife generally provides the money to pay the fines which are from time to time imposed upon him. "The mother is a woman of gentle disposition, and, being of a peace-loving

nature, she has been very submissive to her husband to avoid his foul abuse."

"Both the sons, who seem to have inherited their mother's retiring ways, endeavour to live unobtrusive Christian lives and support the home on their small wages. The father, instead of being grateful, simply takes advantage of their meekness."

"Once already the poor woman has been taken to an institution because of a nervous breakdown caused by mental strain, and at present she seems likely to break down again."

"It is difficult to advise her, as the poor soul is so highly strung and intimidated that, apparently, she thinks there is no other way than to bear her cross and submit to this life of martyrdom. Can 'Humanist' suggest anything?"

"HUMANIST" says: Probably the poor woman could obtain a separation order, but it seems to me that the remedy really lies in the hands of her sons. Meekness and unobtrusiveness are very well in their place, but it seems to me that the cure of their mother in such circumstances is a more pressing duty, and it is difficult to understand men not being stirred to anger by the brutal behaviour of such a father."

FOUR years ago I was married. I was very happy until three years later when, owing to illness, I lapsed from honesty and used some money belonging to a loan club of which I was the secretary. In a desperate effort to set myself right, I foolishly borrowed more and backed horses, with the result that, when the share-out was due, I was shorter than ever.

"I explained the position to my employers and workmates, who generously refrained from taking action against me on the condition that I refunded the money and eschewed betting in future."

"My wife, who is really the best woman in the world, did not reproach me, but helped me loyally to recover my reputation."

"When she returned from a holiday recently, however, there was a distinct change in her attitude towards me. I found it was due to the fact that, while she had always supposed that I had taken the money solely for the purpose of paying instalments due on our furniture, while she was away she had met someone who had informed her that the greater part of it went in gambling."

"She has always had a horror of gambling, and it seems that her discovery of the details of my lapse have broken her confidence in me."

"HUMANIST" says: It seems a great pity that you did not make a full confession to your wife. Still, since you say your wife is the best woman in the world, if you show that you are truly repentant, she will realise that she should be the first, not the last, to forgive."

Winter Warmers

THERE are many poor cottagers dreading the cold winter outlook with none to help them. You can bring warmth into shivering bodies and the glow of hope into despairing souls by sending a subscription to "The Greatest of These—" Fund. (See p. 35.)

PROBLEMS that may be yours are dealt with by "Humanist." The names and addresses of all correspondents are suppressed so that the writers may not be identified. Letters that are too intimate or are not sufficiently general to be helpful to others are answered by post. All correspondents must send stamped addressed envelopes. Ten shillings is being sent to each of the writers of the first four letters printed.

SOME years ago I served in a shop. In my employer's family there were two sons, who were entirely different in disposition. The elder tried to help his parents in every way he could; the younger was a selfish idler.

Hasty Words

"On several occasions I saw him steal money from the till. Instead of informing my employer, I told the young man's mother. She pleaded with me to keep the matter secret, and for years I kept it."

"Time has brought its reward to the elder son and something of punishment to the younger, for the former is now prosperous while the latter seems to be living a hand-to-mouth existence."

"A friend of mine recently told me that the younger son had been saying harsh things about his brother, and in a moment of indignation I blurted out the truth in justice to the elder brother."

"The matter has now come to the younger brother's ears, and I understand he is threatening to take action against me for making lying and slanderous statements regarding his honesty."

"As the mother is dead, I am afraid I would find it very difficult to prove that what I have said is true."

"HUMANIST" says: A statement made from a sense of duty, if made honestly and without malice, would not ordinarily form a good ground for an action for slander. You should, however, remember that hasty words are difficult to recall and frequently give rise to trouble for which it is impossible to find a remedy."

An Unwanted Mother

"My mother is an invalid and needs a housekeeper, but it is very difficult to get one to stay as she is for ever finding fault. Her husband and two sons live with her. There are three married daughters and they wish me, an illegitimate daughter, to take my mother to my home. My husband strongly objects. Am I right in refusing?"

"Humanist" says: A woman who is continually finding fault would certainly not add to the happiness of your home. You have no obligation, legal or moral, and you should leave it to the family to make their arrangements."

Wicked Week-ends

"My best pal is engaged to a young woman who tells him that she spends her week-ends with distant relatives. I have discovered that these 'relatives' are her employer, with whom she stays in seaside hotels. Should I tell my pal?"

"Humanist" says: It seems to me this is a question of the depth of your friendship. Would you not feel reproachful if your friend allowed you to contract a disastrous marriage when a word of warning might have saved you from a lifetime of misery?"

A Terrible Accusation

"When my father died I was surprised to find that I was left out of his will. Later I discovered that my stepmother had told him that I had tried to poison him, and so he made a fresh will leaving me out. That was several years ago, but my stepmother still repeats the story."

"Humanist" says: I can understand your distress at such a terrible accusation, but you may rest assured that few people will believe it. Get a solicitor to write to your stepmother."

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Our Letter Parliament

Cooping the Criminal

Fleeing the Taxpayer—Industrial Peace—Atrocious Experiments

MR. SHORTT'S plan of indeterminate sentences, advocated in JOHN BULL of October 23, will not do. We know from the revelations in JOHN BULL that the same system in the case of criminal lunatics has led to grave abuses. Our criminal law is already too much concerned with punishment and too little with reform. What is needed is fewer warders and more teachers, less cells and more class-rooms. The indeterminate sentence is a step backward, and a costly one.—F. L., Aylesbury.

The Source of Crime

Your contributor urges the abolition of the ten-year limit, but would it not be more efficacious to tackle the crime evil at its source? The source of crime is the slums and want of education. Instead of abolishing the ten-year limit abolish the slums, and educate the people who dwell there.—J. C. P., Edinburgh.

A Proven Failure

Repeatedly sending culprits to jail for the same offence in continuation has been proved ineffective. When punishment which defeats its own objective has been tried and found a failure it must be replaced by something at once a measure of exemplary correction and a preventive against future lapses.—C. H., Warminster.

The Worst Folly

Of the two classes of criminals mentioned by Mr. Shortt the "habitual" presents the biggest problem to society. Born and reared in an environment that makes a lapse into criminality almost a certainty, the primary fault is not theirs, yet they are punished for each criminal act and then thrown back into the same surroundings and conditions. Could folly be worse?—W. L., Everton.

The More Worthy

The habitual criminal is a menace to civilisation, and should be treated as such. However humanely we may desire to treat the habitual law-breaker, let us not forget that the overwhelming majority of citizens are law-abiding. Surely we might reserve some of our pity for the heroes of humble life who in the fight against poverty and adverse circumstances yet manage to retain their character and self-respect.—B., Sunderland.

A Living Death

Mr. Shortt is not right when he states that persons sentenced to detention during His Majesty's pleasure are released when considered no longer dangerous to the community. There are (at least) five men incarcerated at Broadmoor who are as sane as Mr. Shortt. These men were sentenced to a living death as long ago as 1895 and 1900, and they were not even criminal lunatics. On the contrary, they were committed for extremely trivial offences.—Joseph Greenwood, Cheshire.

Brief to-the-point letters not exceeding 100 words are invited. 5s. is paid for each letter published. Name and address essential not necessarily for publication. Envelopes must be marked "Letter Parliament."

Red-tape Danger

One point not to be overlooked is that convicted people should have the right to demand medical examination at stated intervals. The experience of red-tape has led us to realise the danger of official control, and individual liberty is important enough to warrant safeguarding.—Chas. W. Morton, Trannmere.

Expensive Experts

Mr. E. Rolfe Thompson turns on the searchlight with a vengeance. It would, indeed, be interesting to learn exactly of how much the taxpayer has been fleeced in order to recoup the Treasury for the stupid blunders of its so-called experts. I have a shrewd idea that these are recruited exclusively from that class which regards official appointments as its privilege.—A. C., Ardwick.

A Denial

My attention has been directed to a paragraph headed "Political Canutes" in your issue dated October 30. I shall be obliged if you will allow me to say that there is no foundation for or truth in the suggestion that, at the Conservative headquarters, a department has been set up in opposition to the co-operative movement.—H. E. Blain, Conservative Central Office.

Printers' Pie

(Half-a-crown is paid to the sender of every item published. Mark envelopes "Pie.")

"GOVAN PRESS":—"They left for home by the 12.45 a.m. express about 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning."

"PEOPLE'S JOURNAL":—"The Bible Class resumes on Sunday with an OPEN-AIR meeting in the Masonic Hall."

"WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH MAGAZINE" (Finsbury Park):—"Our Sunday School superintendent has gone abroad for a well-earned holiday. All BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS are hereby POSTPONED until his return."

"MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS":—"Young lady (expert dancer) requires Gent. Partner for BATHROOM and Exhibition Dancing."

"FAVERSHAM NEWS":—"It was impossible to extinguish the fire on account of there being NO WATER available, so precautions were taken by digging a trench around and filling it with WATER."

A Cruel Stigma

I know an orphan boy of sixteen who awaited trial for sixteen weeks because he had nobody to stand bail. He was afterwards found "Not guilty." Why not send such cases to a special prison, renamed "Detention Home," thereby removing the stigma of jail. It should be a super-Borstal, with a programme of work and play, cells giving place to wards.—Bulldog, Bristol.

Smokes for "Tommies"

I should like to mention a scheme to help those poor "Tommies" still in our hospitals adopted by Nelson Street E.M. School, Birmingham. At our Harvest Festival, which is held on the nearest Sunday to Armistice Day, instead of having gifts of flowers, fruit, etc., we have cigarettes, tobacco and matches. Last year we were able to give to the 200 patients or more about twenty cigarettes or 1 oz. of tobacco each.—True Sympathy, Birmingham.

An Old Man's Advice

Over half a century ago, following the six months' strike of 1866, the ironworkers and their employers met and established a conciliation and arbitration board, arranging a sliding scale, whereby wages were ruled by the selling price of iron, as shown by the returns taken from the books of selected firms. There has been no serious dispute in this industry since. Cannot the coalowners and miners take a lesson from this, and arrange a sliding scale on the selling price of coal?—Septuagenarian, Glasgow.

A Scientific Horror

The article by Mr. George Godwin in JOHN BULL of October 23, exposing the revolting tortures inflicted on dumb animals in our laboratories, will come as a shock to your readers. The suggested experiment of trying to produce a human child through the medium of a chimpanzee can only be described as a "scientific horror." We can only hope that the publicity given to the matter in JOHN BULL will make those in authority take action to prevent such atrocious experiments.—D. M., Blantyre.

Charity Crooks

The public is indebted to JOHN BULL for the way in which it is forewarned against questionable charity collectors, but this constant exposure must have a damaging effect on deserving charities. In some Scottish towns no street collection is allowed until the magistrates are satisfied regarding the organisation to be benefited, and the probity of collectors and officials. A properly audited balance-sheet must be submitted within a month of the collection. If legislation on these lines, with an extension to cover house-to-house canvassing, were enacted, it would be beneficial.—Carnival, Paisley.

Cartoonettes and Topical Jingles

by FRANK HOLLAND



Now B. and C. rig up with glue
Once more the same old guy.
Who is it? Well, I hate to tell,
But, fra kly, you and I.



All jolly folk who relish jokes
Know what good fun is worth.
They never miss a chance like this
To get their money's worth.



If we had got, but we did not,
A message through from Mars.
To tell us how to end this row,
We'd thank our lucky stars.



For every cent that "Uncle" lent
It seems he's going to touch
Poor Mr. B. eventually
For nearly thrice as much.

Radio Notes

Radio's Big Rally

by W. R. DOUGLAS SHAW

ARE you ready? Next week will be National Wireless Week, and from November 7 until November 13 every receiver, from the modest crystal set to the most powerful multi-valve model, is likely to be tuned in.

Every pair of headphones that can be found will be wanted, for wireless enthusiasts throughout the land are making up their minds to invite any of their friends who in previous winters have denied themselves the pleasures of broadcasting to sample the good things.

"Let your friends listen," is, indeed, an apt slogan for Wireless Week.

Really tip-top popular programmes are promised, especially as Wireless Week coincides with the B.B.C.'s own birthday celebrations.

Even as these lines are being written, I see wireless shops that are exceptionally busy supplying the needs of those anxious to get their sets and equipment all in order for Wireless Week and the winter season generally.

We have read a lot about the popularity of broadcasting and the large numbers of our countrymen who regularly listen-in, but during Wireless Week let us bear in mind that in these little isles of ours there are ten million homes and into the greater number of them wireless has not yet penetrated.

Many of us who have acquired the listening-in habit are apt to forget that while wireless is becoming in a sense part and parcel of our nature, there are millions of folk who never yet have donned a pair of earphones—millions who have still to become members of this

great new institution which is changing the world.

For those of us who know already the full enjoyment of listening-in I can suggest no better action during Wireless Week than to endeavour to assist in bringing similar enjoyment to those less fortunate than ourselves.

What could give more pleasure during Wireless Week to the true wireless enthusiast than to make a present of or contribute to the provision of a wireless set for some poor, bed-ridden soul who is unable to afford it?

Those with only limited means to spend wisely on a really reliable set cannot do better than ask at the nearest wireless shop all about the "Brownie" crystal receiver. I have yet to meet a dissatisfied purchaser of one of these sets.

Between the day these lines appear and Saturday there is still time to get ready for Wireless Week.

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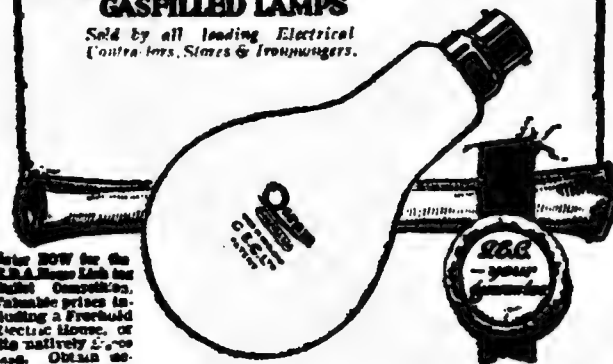


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The Worst Year of All

I have been keenly interested in racing now for close on thirty years, and I cannot recollect a season when quite so many of the despised outsiders have popped up in the big events.

Races to Avoid

Prior to the commencement of the Flat I wrote: "Don't bet heavily on the big handicaps or Classics as these races are gold-mines for the pencilers. I know it is almost impossible to resist a flutter, but stake just sufficient to give you an interest in the races."

Long-suffering Punters

If I had known as much as I do now, I should have been more emphatic. However, punters are a long-suffering race, and I suppose those who can stomach the betting tax will wipe off Myra Gray and Insight II.—the 2,500 double which nobody, except the man who picked them out with a pin, backed—as a bad debt and have a cut at the Derby Cup and Manchester November Handicap.

S.P. Ante-post

When discussing these two races early last November I advised backers that as the weather had played havoc with them in the past, and either one or the other had often been abandoned owing to fog or flood, it was better for those who intended to have a shot at the double to make their wagers starting price instead of ante-post.

A Bird in the Hand

With a starting price double if you find the winner of the Derby Cup you can play up your winnings and stake on the Manchester November. If the latter race is abandoned, you are your Derby Cup winnings in pocket.

Both Abandoned

On the other hand, with an ante-post wager, unless both races are run, the bet is void. As it happened, last year the climatic conditions were worse than ever and both races were abandoned. But the advice was sound, and I repeat it for the coming handicaps.

Mr. Macomber

I did not hear any shouts of "Hats off to France!" when Mr. Macomber's Insight II. passed the judge's box an easy winner; everyone present was dumfounded. Mr. Macomber is an American. He has more horses in training than any other owner and possesses three stud farms. Considering the £ s. d. which he has spent like water, he deserves every success which comes his way, however unpalatable some of them may be to punters.

Half a Million for Stud and Stables

At his Normandy stud, which he purchased together with the racing stables near Paris from the executors of Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt for half a million pounds sterling, he has a wonderful collection of mares, English, American and French. Insight was bred in France and derives some American blood from his sire, Oversight. Most of us wish he had been out of sight on Cambridgeshire day.

The Free Handicap

Most of the daily papers only gave the names of the twelve horses left in the Free Handicap after the acceptance, but Mr. Dawkins, who frames the handicap, allotted weights to 125 of this season's two-year-olds. In view of the fact that Coronach, the Derby winner, headed

the weights of 1925's race, while Saucy Sue, Picaroon, Diomedes, Solario and Manna held the leading positions in 1924, punters will find the handicap intensely interesting. I have not the space to

FOR YOUR NOTE-BOOK

SANTOLINA, 100 to 8, Battleshaft 8 to 1, Israeli 100 to 15, and Soccer 7 to 1, are four recent winners which have been mentioned in these notes. Continue to follow Santolina and Soccer.

BUSTLE UP may be the medium of a coup in the Ray's Selling Handicap at Windsor. The five-year-old ran in the Cambridgeshire.

ATREAS was very unlucky not to gain a place in his Newmarket race. Should be backed once more in the Thames Three-Year-Old Handicap.

SCIMITAR.—Don't miss this one of Walter's first time out. The youngster has an engagement at Newbury.

GOOD HUNTING, an entry for the All-Aged Selling Plate at Newbury, was well fancied last time out. Her chance was ruined owing to a false start. The filly's young jockey completed the course on his own and thought he had won easily.

Follow Matchgirl.

devote to the full list of horses, but I am giving below the first fifty with the highest burdens, and will be pleased to supply the entire handicap to any reader who writes to me for it:—

The Satrap ...	9 0	Double Barrel ...	7 12
Damon ...	8 12	Pleasant ...	7 11
Sickle ...	8 10	Thoughts ...	7 11
Adam's Apple ...	8 10	Helene ...	7 11
Birlight ...	8 9	Habibi ...	7 11
Call Boy ...	8 9	Treat ...	7 11
Shian Mor ...	8 7	Trafal ...	7 10
Knight of the ...	8 7	Tormentilla ...	7 9
Grail ...	8 7	Avalanche ...	7 9
Hot Night ...	8 7	Grande Vitesse ...	7 8
Applecross ...	8 6	Beau de Ghent ...	7 8
Cresta Run ...	8 6	Alan ...	7 8
Jennie Deans ...	8 6	Casino ...	7 7
Fourth Hand ...	8 5	Roman Empire ...	7 7
Bold Archer ...	8 5	Black Knight ...	7 7
Stornello ...	8 2	La Douairiere ...	7 7
Prestissimo ...	8 1	Endowment ...	7 7
Rhonia ...	8 0	Totem Dance ...	7 7
Dian ...	8 0	Berenice ...	7 6
Flashing Star ...	8 0	Sundry ...	7 6
Kentucky ...	8 0	Tetra Glass ...	7 6
Friar Dominic ...	7 13	Mowbray ...	7 6
Priscilla ...	7 13	Brisena ...	7 6
Lovely Naples ...	7 12	Albanian ...	7 5
Good St. Anthony ...	7 12	Sunny Maid ...	7 5
		All's Blue ...	7 5
		Crushed ...	7 5

Soccer 7 to 1

Soccer, a 7 to 1 winner at Stockton, was another nice winner for the code. I think Frank Hartigan's youngster will win again if he runs before the curtain is rung down. Soccer was an appropriate success for a Saturday.

"Soccer" Selections

WEEK-END COUPS.

6 HOME.—Arsenal, Newcastle, Rochdale, Stockport, Brighton, Glasgow Rangers.
5 HOME.—Bolton, Hull, Exeter, Millwall, Hamilton.
4 HOME.—Arsenal, Newcastle, Hull, Merthyr.
3 AWAY.—Manchester C., Nelson, Stoke.
3 DRAWS.—Derby v. Leicester, Brentford v. Bristol C., Kilmarock v. Falkirk.
3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Manchester U., Chelsea, Rochdale, Huddersfield, Plymouth.
1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—Stockport, Nelson, Ashton Villa v. Tottenham.

FORECASTS FOR NOVEMBER 12.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

HOME WINNERS.—Blackburn, Everton, Huddersfield, Leicester, Sunderland.

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Who Said Too Old at Forty?

I hear that Joe Childs has purchased a stud farm and appointed "Nat" Spear general manager. No doubt

Joe has taken this step with an eye to the future, and racegoers will wish him all the luck he deserves. He has ridden about 50 winners this season, his many victories including the Derby, the St. Leger, Ascot Gold Cup, Eclipse Stakes and Coronation Cup. Joe is over forty and he scored on a Manchester Cup winner twenty-five years ago.



Joe Childs

This Week's Big Race

Newbury's final meeting takes place on Friday and Saturday, and a nice little prize of £1,250 will go to the winner of the Autumn Cup. Cross Bow, if started, may win this, but I like the look of Miss Sport, 7 st. 5 lb., and Castleberg, 7 st. 2 lb. I shall give my final selection in the code.

One from Germany

The Liverpool Cup meeting can be left until next week, but I notice that the German-bred and trained Weissdorn is among the entries for the Grosvenor Cup. If the colt takes part in the race he will be the first horse from the Fatherland to run in England since before the war.

"SILVER RING."

Two coded selections will be given daily in the following papers:—

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The code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from Wednesday, November 3, to Tuesday, November 9.

AWAY WINNERS.—Cardiff, Leeds, Aston Villa.

DRAWS.—Birmingham v. Burnley, Bury v. Newcastle, The Wednesday v. Bolton.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.

HOME WINNERS.—Blackpool, Darlington, Grimsby, Manchester C., Notts. Forest, Oldham, Portsmouth, Swansea.

AWAY WINNER.—Hull.

DRAWS.—Fulham v. Port Vale, Reading v. Chelsea.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Northern).

HOME WINNERS.—Chesterfield, Doncaster, Nelson, New Brighton, Rotherham, Walsall Wrexham.

AWAY WINNERS.—Hallifax, Durham.

DRAWS.—Bradford v. Stockport, Stoke v. Rochdale.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Southern).

HOME WINNERS.—Bournemouth, Bristol C., Coventry, Crystal Palace, Newport, Queen's Park Rangers, Watford.

AWAY WINNERS.—Brighton, Swindon.

DRAWS.—Gillingham v. Exeter, Plymouth v. Millwall.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS.—Celtic, Cowdenbeath, Falkirk, Motherwell, Partick, Queen's Park, St. Mirren.

AWAY WINNERS.—Aberdeen, Dundee.

DRAW.—Hibs v. Glasgow Rangers.

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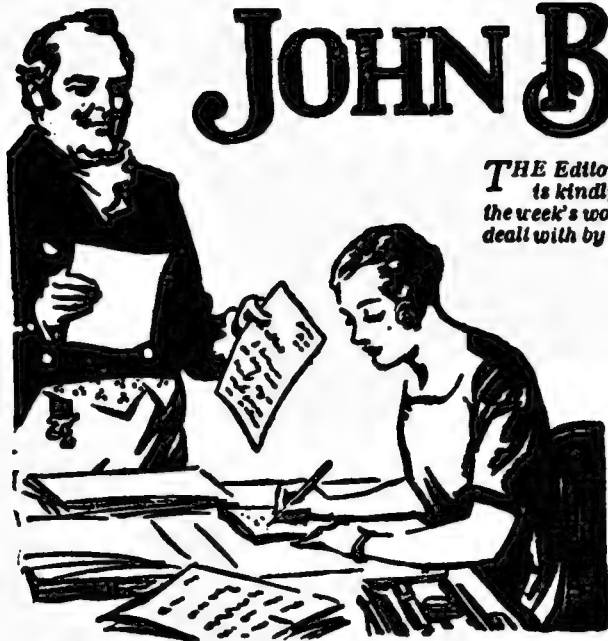
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THE Editor may be stiff on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service

THIS is an age where genius and cleverness count for much. Unfortunately, the clever and ingenious are not always honest and straightforward. Their devices are too often framed to deceive. Before allowing yourself to be enticed by any scheme, however alluring, send details to JOHN BULL's Free Advice Service, enclosing stamped and addressed envelope. Hundreds of persons have been saved from losing their all by following this simple method.

TOM (Plymouth).—"I am too shy to propose to my girl." Say it by telephone!

F. W. (York).—"I shall spend most of the winter abroad." So you are a slate club secretary, are you?

C. D. (Manchester).—"I am an auctioneer." So you do as you are bid?

L. C. (Durham).—"I have completed a journey round the world." And did you find a house to let?

Mrs. W. (Mildfield).—"Every woman was young once." And many more than once.

Mr. C. (Chelsea).—"My only resources are six unmarried daughters." Why not husband them?

Mrs. G. (Northwood).—"I think it might make for peace if I returned all my husband has ever given me." Especially if you begin with the kisses.

STUDENT (Cambridge).—"There are many good lessons to be learned from Charles the First." Don't lose your head in moments of excitement is the best.

G. F. (Yeovil).—"I prophesy your wife will be witty and pretty and very, very rich." Good. And how do we get rid of the one we now have?

M. G. (Reading).—"No man ever got a new head of hair out of bottles of patent restorer." But many men have got new houses and quite respectable fortunes.

B. S. (Keighley).—"Quite a number of big men have been born here." That's funny. Only babies are born here.

Miss G. (Wadborough).—"If you would only write the two or three words that would send me into heaven! Oh, go and drown yourself!

M. D. (Crouch Hill).—"I'll never buy a car that's very long in the body." You can't unless you're pretty long in the purse.

M. B. F. (Otter Ferry).—"In spite of the cynics marriage is a very wonderful institution." And no family should be without it.

Miss R. (Virginia Water).—"When he proposed I just smacked his face." Tut, tut! Contempt of court!

G. R. (Westfields).—"She's mad because I added a few kisses at the end of my letter." Possibly she felt they lacked the personal touch.

S. S. (Otterburn).—"Is it a sign of love if a girl would rather sit out with a man than dance?" It all depends whether she treats him to a vacant stair or a vacant stare.

G. R. (Woking).—"What do you advise a man who has a little money to invest in a going concern?" To take jolly good care in which direction the concern is going.

J. W. T. (Cardiff).—"My brother is now a society lion." Indeed! Whose zoo?

C. F. R. (Bristol).—"If I gave you £2,500 what would you do?" Count it.

B. T. (Liverpool).—"I am a good listener." Married, we presume.

R. W. W. (Dover).—"It's darned easy to talk." But darned hard to say something.

N. F. (Matlock).—"I have a keen desire to make money." You'll find it safer to earn it.

S. T. P. (Stockton).—"I have been ordered a complete change." We have one at least once a week.

ETHEL M. (Preston).—"I mean to preserve my youth." Then never introduce him to your lady friends.

B. P. (Monkwood).—"My wife has a very small, well-shaped hand." And evidently a thumb big enough to keep you under.

JESSICA (Oakengates).—"She makes me furious, though ours is a very long friendship." In that case don't end it with short temper.

B. B. (Lyne).—"Why can't modern wives make bread like their mothers?" Possibly because modern husbands don't make dough like their fathers.

Miss L. (Queenborough).—"Can you bear with me still?" It's the only way we can bear with you, but unfortunately you never are.

Mrs. L. (Padgate).—"He has offered me an electric washer that he declares will pay for itself." But we'll warrant he'll collect the cash from you just the same.

J. J. (Kingston).—"What is the exact meaning of the word matrimony?" It isn't a word. It's a sentence.

Miss P. (Lofus).—"At the sight of this apparition my heart sank." But possibly your hair rose to balance it.

Mrs. C. (Jarrow).—"All water for drinking should be boiled not less than one hour, according to my husband." What is he? A gas company director?

M. H. T. (Dunchurch).—"After this you'll think I'm afflicted with a swelled head." Oh, no, we don't think you're afflicted, we think you enjoy it.

S. N. (Blackpool).—"When I read your paper it makes me think a little." That's the finest compliment that has ever been paid to us.

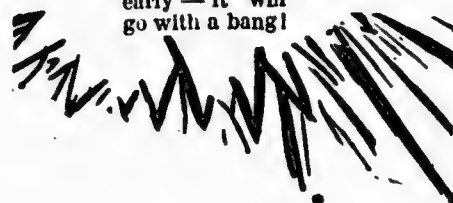
R. G. E. (Bayswater).—"I ordered tea for two, but couldn't get served." Perhaps they hadn't the music handy.

"AUTHOR" (Abbey Wood).—"How can you know an MS. is bad if you won't read right through it?" The same way you know an egg is bad when you won't eat right through it.



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D. E. (Spalding).—"My wife kicks against the Charleston." That is the Charleston.

K. J. (Kilburn).—"I suspect that your words were aimed at me." And we suspect they hit you.

D. C. (Swansea).—"American women do not marry so young as ours do." But they marry oftener.

V. N. T. (Derby).—"The scholars went on strike." And later the teachers did, eh?

G. A. (Oldham).—"I have seen better days." We also remember when bitter was fourpence a pint.

M. A. S. (Preston).—"Whom would you advise me to support at the next election?" The wife and kids, as usual.

R. J. S. (Inverness).—"If an Englishman and a Scotsman started a business career together, the Scotsman would make money first." And he'd make it last.

"ARTIST" (Kilburn).—"I am about to hold an exhibition of my drawings." You'll find the pavement cold in winter.

K. E. (Oxford).—"Do you know there's a terrible lot of influenza about." We ought to. We've got most of it.

Mrs. G. D. (Southport).—"I always tell my little boy a fairy tale before he goes to sleep." You should keep him up till daddy comes home.

B. A. (Belfast).—"We had a big fire in a piano factory the other day." The firemen should have played upon the instruments.

E. A. H. (Shoeburyness).—"My baby smiles at me, though he's only a month old." This doesn't matter, so long as he doesn't laugh at you when he grows up.

D. C. J. (Potter's Bar).—"What can I do when my coal merchant persists in sending me such bad coals?" Haul him over them.

A. H. (Peckham).—"The musical director of our choral society will take every number much too fast." He seems to be a regular lightning conductor.

W. W. (Coventry).—"In another week or two, the trees will be nearly bare." Yes—Dame Nature is quite up to date in her autumn fashions nowadays, isn't she?

E. L. R. (Acton).—"The Liberals were pleased enough when the King made Asquith a peer." But some of them weren't so pleased when "L. G." made him disappear.

J. C. (Nantwich).—"I should like to see some poultry hints in JOHN BULL." There are six hundred on the *Bulletts* page this week.

F. B. (Maidstone).—"Although under age and out of a job, I got him to accept my IOU for quite a good sum." You seem to be a promising lad.

D. G. (Chadwell Heath).—"I found our jobbing gardener asleep in the tool-shed." Why didn't you offer him the use of one of your garden beds?

V. H. R. (Derby).—"I have just got a partnership in a contracting business." We should have preferred an expanding one, ourselves.

T. D. (Leamington).—"I sent her a poem of my own, but she never even acknowledged it." Probably words failed her.

P. G. (Amersham).—"I have had a feeling of illness about me ever since a new patent stove was fixed in my room." Perhaps it's the flu.

K. G. F. (Rochester).—"Before sitting down to write this article, I took something to clear my head." Judging from the article, your precaution wasn't necessary.

T. J. (St. Johns).—"I often wonder why buses and trams are not more frequently struck by lightning." You should remember that they all have efficient conductors.

Mrs. F. (Dalston).—"Isn't it a fact, sir, that men talk as much as women?" As much as women will let them, certainly.

"CYNIC" (Leicester).—"If love is a disease, marriage is its cure." But everyone can't afford such expensive remedies.

F. W. (Halifax).—"All matches ought to be made at trade union rates." And then they'll strike anywhere and on anything.

S. J. F. (Brighton).—"What would happen to the country's prosperity if a great many of the coal pits had to close down altogether?" We fear it would be seriously under-mined.

T. SMITH (Clerkenwell).—"In the house adjoining ours lives a cornet-player, a violin-scraper, a worn-out gramophone fiddler and a concertina-player. What would you do?" Pray for deafness.

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"Bullets" Poultry

CHIRSTMAS is nearer than you think. The appearance this week of the JOHN BULL Xmas Xtra is a timely reminder of that. Already parcels of Christmas fare are being posted overseas and hundreds of competitors are accepting our invitation to dinner on Christmas Day.

Are you amongst them? Are you going to be one of the two thousand two hundred and fifty readers who will enjoy a fine *Bullets* Turkey or a Surrey Fowl on December 25th? So large a number of Christmas dinners has never before been offered in any competition, but quantity is in this case going hand in hand with quality.

For years *Bullets* Turkeys have been building up a reputation for excellence which this year's birds will more than maintain. Surrey Fowls are an innovation in our prize-lists, but we can guarantee that these new prizes will be of the same high quality as the Turkeys.

Whether your prize be a Turkey or a Surrey Fowl, you can rest assured that the bird which you will receive shortly before Christmas will be just such as you might have selected for yourself and a credit to your table.

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"I tender you my very best thanks for the Turkey which is a really splendid one, and the first prize I have ever won in *Bullets*." So runs a letter from Mr. T. Stokes (of 233 Belvoir Road, Coalville) one of many who jumped straight into the list of Turkey winners without any previous experience of *Bullets*.

The augmented prize-lists of our annual Christmas Dinner offers give the new competitor and the "Target" winner one of the year's best opportunities of winning a substantial and seasonable prize, which is often followed by a big cheque.

If you are competing for a Turkey or a Surrey Fowl this week, you may share the experience of a Walthamstow competitor last year. Instead of winning a Christmas Dinner he had the delightful surprise of winning the First Prize of £250. You may have the same experience!

Coming - Big 'Bullets'

XMAS SURPRISE!

SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 619.

EMPIRE GOODS IN THE CLOUDS OVERSEAS HE DIDN'T SAY FIRST WOMAN NODDING WHEN SHE'S READY FATHER'S APPETITE WHAT THE TURKEY SAID NOT PRETTY	LOVE'S SWEET SONG AMUSING SAID TO THE TYPIST MY POST A COMPLIMENT HIS BLACK EYE PERFECT IF MOTHER WERE DAUGHTER MISERABLE WHAT IS WISDOM?
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These Examples may be made use of on the Coupons on this page, and must reach us on or before THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25. All Coupons so used MUST be marked clearly with the number 619 in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these Coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. 619, JOHN BULL, Long Acre, London, W.C.2 (Comp.). Such Coupons must not contain any of the Examples for "Bullets" No. 618.

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£2-10

500 PRIZES OF

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5th. Prize

£10

200 'BULLETS' TURKEYS

and 400 SURREY FOWLS

THESE SELECTED BIRDS WILL BE DESPATCHED TO REACH WINNERS IN TIME FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" No. 618

WHAT WE SHOULD LIKE
WON'T GO
TELLING THE TRUTH
NEW TRADE
ON AND OFF
ADVERTISING
MODEL EMPLOYER
GOING TO THE DOGS
PRETTY FACE
FILM OF LIFE
SAID TO THE MINER
HONEST LIVING
IN THE MUSEUM
JUDGING BY LOOKS
SILENT TEAR
CLEVER SALESMAN
AT A PRICE
HEARD IN THE CITY
FINE CHANCE
MAN OR WOMAN
BEFORE
ON THE RIVIERA
SHOWED SHE WAS MARRIED
A BIG LIE
THE BREAD-WINNER
WHAT THE PAWNBROKER SAID
HER WAY
WHEN BABY WAKES
WHAT FATHER DRINKS
VILLAGE CHOIR
SOCIETY HUSBAND
WHAT IS A LOAN?

"BULLETS" RULES.

- The First Prize will be awarded for what in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor is the best *Bullet* received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness, and originality.
 - Only two attempts may be written on each coupon, and a postal order must be enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of. This must be made payable to JOHN BULL, and crossed and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.
 - The Editor undertakes that every *Bullet* received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.
 - The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.
- Employees of Odhams Press are not eligible to compete.

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Example Closing Date, Thursday, Nov. 11.

Bullet

Example

Bullet

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With 1 Coupon, send P.O. for 6d.

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Bullet

Example

Bullet

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"Bullets" must consist of Two, Three or Four words.

Example Closing Date, Thursday, Nov. 11.

Bullet

Example

Bullet

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Example Closing Date, Thursday, Nov. 11.

Bullet

Example

Bullet

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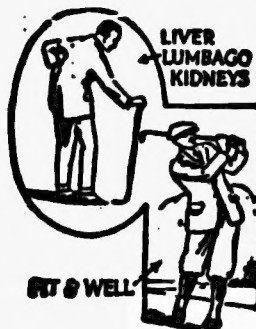
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